## **List of Public Comments**

Executive/Administration Committee (EAC): Received <u>before</u> 5pm on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 and Received <u>after</u> 5pm on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 Regional Council (RC): Received <u>before</u> 5pm on Wednesday, January 5, 2022

	Date	Sender Name	Organization	Agenda Item (AI #)	Subject Matter
1.	12/28/2021	Leonora Camner	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
2.	12/28/2021	Natalya Zernitskaya	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
3.	12/29/2021	Arjun Kolachalam	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
4.	12/29/2021	Jason Mastbaum	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
5.	12/29/2021	Analisa Swan	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
6.	12/29/2021	Martha Kriley	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
7.	12/29/2021	Tom Vosburgh	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
8.	12/29/2021	Katherine Chen	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
9.	12/29/2021	Gary Benjamin	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
10.	12/29/2021	Jillian Burgos	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
11.	12/29/2021	Sean McCormick	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
12.	12/29/2021	Samantha Hill	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
13.	12/29/2021	Andrew Heinzman	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
14.	12/29/2021	Thomas Irwin	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

15.	12/29/2021	Nicholas Burns III	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
16.	12/29/2021	David Barboza	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
17.	12/29/2021	Samantha Jean Sumampong	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
18.	12/29/2021	Geneva Vogelheim	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
19.	12/29/2021	Avinash Iyer	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
20.	12/29/2021	Matt Stauffer	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
21.	12/29/2021	Oscar Duenas	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
22.	12/29/2021	Isaac Resnikoff	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
23.	12/29/2021	Bruce Van Voorhis	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
24.	12/29/2021	Andy Freeland	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
25.	12/29/2021	Mariana Mellor	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
26.	12/29/2021	Tieira Ryder	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
27.	12/29/2021	Alexander Copulsky	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
28.	12/29/2021	Joshraymd		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Opportunity to Oppose Community Planning Voter Initiative
29.	12/29/2021	Marcos Rodriguez Maciel	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
30.	12/29/2021	Rachel Orfila	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
31.	12/29/2021	Mark Yetter	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
32.	12/29/2021	Shawn Morrissey	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

33.	12/29/2021	Amy Liu	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
34.	12/29/2021	Charlie McNulty	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
35.	12/29/2021	Mark Edwards	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
36.	12/29/2021	Dominick Falzone	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
37.	12/29/2021	Tami Kagan-Abrams	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
38.	12/29/2021	Carl Muhlstein	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
39.	12/29/2021	Sarah Back	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
40.	12/29/2021	Gregory Sroka	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
41.	12/29/2021	Grant Hutchins	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
42.	12/29/2021	Jay Williams	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
43.	12/29/2021	Ryan Koyanagi	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
44.	12/29/2021	Jonah Paten	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
45.	12/29/2021	Kyle Jenkins	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
46.	12/29/2021	Maxwell Ogden	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
47.	12/29/2021	Elisa Visick	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
48.	12/29/2021	Felipe Rojas	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
49.	12/29/2021	Aaron Klemm	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

50.	12/29/2021	Joshua Stephens	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
		'		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
51.	12/29/2021	Kevin Zelaya	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
52.	12/29/2021	Andrew Zhang	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
53.	12/29/2021	Shane Phillips	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
54.	12/29/2021	Merrily Weiss	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
55.	12/29/2021	Michael Clemson	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
56.	12/29/2021	Elena Christopoulos	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
57.	12/29/2021	Richard Brand	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
58.	12/29/2021	Babak Mozaffari	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
59.	12/29/2021	Jose Trinidad	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
		Castaneda		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
60.	12/29/2021	Julie Wedge	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
61.	12/29/2021	Prabhu Reddy	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
62.	12/29/2021	Kellan Martz	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
63.	12/29/2021	Kayla Acosta-Galvan	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
64.	12/29/2021	Zennon Ulyate-Crow	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
65.	12/29/2021	Patrick Meighan	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
66.	12/29/2021	Mark Walker	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
67.	12/29/2021	Elliott Lee	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"

68.	12/29/2021	Grayson Peters	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
69.	12/29/2021	Stan Oklobdzija	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
70.	12/29/2021	Jesse Hoff	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
71.	12/29/2021	Jeff Schwartz	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
72.	12/29/2021	Brian Crumpley	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
73.	12/29/2021	Ciera Korb	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
74.	12/29/2021	Michael Sacks	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
75.	12/29/2021	John Perez	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
76.	12/29/2021	Kevin Burke		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose endorsement of ballot measure (item 2 on Jan 6 agenda)
77.	12/29/2021	Andreas Terpoorten	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
78.	12/29/2021	Thomas Szelazek	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
79.	12/29/2021	Reed Alvarado	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
80.	12/29/2021	Al Villa	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
81.	12/29/2021	Sylvia Varela	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
82.	12/29/2021	Robert Masys	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
83.	12/29/2021	Ben Patterson	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
84.	12/29/2021	Oralia Acosta	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

85.	12/29/2021	Creiselda Terpoorten	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
86.	12/29/2021	Frank Halary	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
87.	12/29/2021	Emerson Dameron	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
88.	12/29/2021	Kelsey Schwartz	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
89.	12/29/2021	Norma Guzman	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
90.	12/29/2021	Will Gallagher	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
91.	12/29/2021	Machiko Yasuda	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
92.	12/29/2021	Sachi Cooper	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
93.	12/29/2021	Robert Fruchtman	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
94.	12/29/2021	Becca Lubin	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
95.	12/29/2021	Sayed Murad	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
96.	12/29/2021	Joann Gioia		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
97.	12/29/2021	John Lloyd	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
98.	12/29/2021	Peggy Bejarano	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
99.	12/29/2021	Brian Trautman	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
100.	12/29/2021	Glenn Crider	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
101.	12/29/2021	Bret Contreras	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
102.	12/29/2021	Adam Villani	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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103.	12/29/2021	Dietrick Jager	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
104.	12/29/2021	Greg Chasen	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
105.	12/29/2021	Autumn Rogers	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
106.	12/29/2021	Carol Gordon	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
107.	12/29/2021	Craig Wilson	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
108.	12/29/2021	Michelle Fay	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
109.	12/29/2021	Verity Freebern	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
110.	12/29/2021	Elliot Warren	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
111.	12/29/2021	Mel Guerry	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
112.	12/29/2021	Bob Halavi	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
113.	12/29/2021	Jennifer Martinez	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
114.	12/29/2021	Erik Griswold	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
115.	12/29/2021	Andrew Silver	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
116.	12/29/2021	Matt Gertz	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
117.	12/29/2021	Benjamin Phelps	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
118.	12/29/2021	Kenneth Duda	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
119.	12/29/2021	Terence Heuston	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

120.	12/29/2021	Sukrit Ganesh	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
121.	12/29/2021	Michael Cahn	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
122.	12/29/2021	Dominick Falzone	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
123.	12/29/2021	Chad Kim	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
124.	12/29/2021	Karim Sahli	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
125.	12/29/2021	Bradley Ewing	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
126.	12/29/2021	Roseann Boffa	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
127.	12/29/2021	Justin Robertson	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
128.	12/29/2021	Elizabeth Brown	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
129.	12/29/2021	Anthony Robert	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
130.	12/29/2021	Ross Heckmann	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
131.	12/29/2021	Brianna Egan	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
132.	12/29/2021	Henry van Moyland	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
133.	12/29/2021	Rachael Johnson	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
134.	12/29/2021	Leilani Rivera-Dotson	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
135.	12/29/2021	Alexander Murray	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
136.	12/29/2021	Chris Dower	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
137.	12/29/2021	Anna Dower	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"

138.	12/29/2021	Jason Jason	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
139.	12/30/2021	Trevor Wu	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
140.	12/30/2021	Cassandra da Costa	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
141.	12/30/2021	Atlas Novack	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
142.	12/30/2021	Tyler Manderscheid	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
143.	12/30/2021	Jason Ostrander	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
144.	12/30/2021	Emilio Uranga	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
145.	12/30/2021	Chloé Pascual	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
146.	12/30/2021	Alexander Albert	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
147.	12/30/2021	Toby Muresianu	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
148.	12/30/2021	Hugh Martinez	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
149.	12/30/2021	David Hunt	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
150.	12/30/2021	Liam Doherty	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
151.	12/30/2021	Tracy Carlton	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
152.	12/30/2021	Mahdi Manji	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
153.	12/30/2021	Michelle McWhorter	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
154.	12/30/2021	Richard Margulieux	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
155.	12/30/2021	Angela	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
		Vanthaneeyakul		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"

156.	12/30/2021	Carl Vanderlip	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
157.	12/30/2021	Darrell Clarke	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
158.	12/31/2021	Timothy Biley	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
159.	12/31/2021	Su Liu	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
160.	12/31/2021	Alexandra Parker	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
161.	12/31/2021	Susan Sheu	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
162.	12/31/2021	Jonathan Zasloff	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
163.	12/31/2021	Nicole Beaudoin	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
164.	12/31/2021	Andrea Leon- Grossmann		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
165.	12/31/2021	Valerie O'Brien	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
166.	1/1/2022	Matthew Dixon	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
167.	1/1/2022	Cynthia Rose	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
168.	1/2/2022	Luke Klipp	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
169.	1/3/2022	Ryan O'Connell	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
170.	1/3/2022	Haley Feng	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
171.	1/3/2022	Andrew May	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
172.	1/3/2022	Cindy Cremona		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Vote yes to the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
173.	1/3/2022	Paul Krueger	Neighbors For A Better San Diego	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

174.	1/3/2022	Karen J. Gilman		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
175.	1/3/2022	Amir Atighehchi	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
176.	1/3/2022	Jeannine Wisnosky		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Community Planning Voter Initiative
177.	1/3/2022	Rebecca Crane	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
178.	1/3/2022	Danna Givot	Neighbors For a Better San Diego	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
179.	1/3/2022	Amy Galaudet		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
180.	1/3/2022	lan (Lannon Tanchum)		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Vote YES on the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
181.	1/3/2022	Machiko Yasuda	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
182.	1/3/2022	Evan Farrar		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
183.	1/3/2022	Carey Bennett	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
184.	1/3/2022	Merrily Weiss	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
185.	1/3/2022	Mark Yetter	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
186.	1/3/2022	Joe Goldman	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
187.	1/3/2022	Zachary Rynew	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
188.	1/3/2022	Dez Mys		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
189.	1/3/2022	Daniel White	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
190.	1/3/2022	Prabhu Reddy	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

191.	1/3/2022	Jamie Wallace		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Vote Yes to support Community Planning Voter Initiative
192.	1/3/2022	Rachel Forester	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
193.	1/3/2022	Kevin Fulton	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
194.	1/3/2022	Bryce Wynn	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
195.	1/3/2022	Sherin Bennett	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
196.	1/3/2022	Marek Slipski	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
197.	1/3/2022	Arjun Kolachalam	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
198.	1/3/2022	Andy May	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
199.	1/3/2022	Roshan Vyas	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
200.	1/3/2022	James Schuyler	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
201.	1/3/2022	Sheryl Rosenbaum	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
202.	1/3/2022	Terry Luedecke	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
203.	1/3/2022	Courtney Small		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Vote Yes to support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
204.	1/3/2022	David Barboza	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
205.	1/3/2022	Alec Mitchell	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
206.	1/3/2022	John Fracisco		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
207.	1/3/2022	Terry Dipple		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Our Neighborhood Voices
208.	1/3/2022	Margaret B. McCann		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

209.	1/3/2022	Nancy Magi		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the proposals made by "Livable California" and "Our Neighborhood Voices"
210.	1/3/2022	Stephanie Pfaff		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
210.	1/3/2022	Stephanie i ian		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
211.	1/3/2022	Frederick R. Lynch		Al#2 - Community	strongly endorse staff report regarding the
211.	1/3/2022	Trederick II. Lyrich		Planning Voter Initiative	Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
212.	1/3/2022	Ree Whitford		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
212.	1/3/2022	ince willtiord		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
213.	1/3/2022	Joann Gioia		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
213.	1/3/2022	Joann Gloia		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
214.	1/3/2022	Denise K. Newcomer		Al#2 - Community	
214.	1/3/2022	Denise K. Newconier		Planning Voter Initiative	Housing and Zoning
215.	1/3/2022	Michael P. Sweeney	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
215.	1/3/2022	Whichael P. Sweenley	Abundant Housing LA	•	Initiative"
216	1/2/2022	Charria Managra		Planning Voter Initiative	
216.	1/3/2022	Sherrie Mancera		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Ballot
247	4/2/2022	Carrier and Nicale		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
217.	1/3/2022	Gavin and Nicola		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
240	4 /2 /2022	Scott		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
218.	1/3/2022	Suellen Mayfield		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
240	4 /2 /2 22			Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
219.	1/3/2022	Ed Turner		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
	. /- /			Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
220.	1/3/2022	Liz Amsden		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
221.	1/3/2022	Carolyn Bosil		Al#2 - Community	Stop Rezoning & Support Our Neighborhoods
				Planning Voter Initiative	
222.	1/3/2022	Steven Golden		AI#2 - Community	support for the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
223.	1/3/2022	Natalya Zernitskaya	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
224.	1/3/2022	David Moty		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
225.	1/3/2022	John H. Welborne		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
226.	1/3/2022	Sarah Olson		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative

227.	1/3/2022	Ann Greenspun	AI#2 - Community Support the Our Nei Planning Voter Initiative Initiative	ghborhood Voices
228.	1/3/2022	Joan Davidson	AI#2 - Community Support the Our Nei Planning Voter Initiative Initiative	ghborhood Voices
229.	1/3/2022	Alex Zukas	AI#2 - Community Support the Our Nei Planning Voter Initiative Initiative	ghborhood Voices
230.	1/3/2022	Zelinda Welch	AI#2 - Community Support the Our Nei Planning Voter Initiative Initiative	ghborhood Voices
231.	1/3/2022	Gayl Murphy	AI#2 - Community Support the Our Nei Planning Voter Initiative Initiative	ghborhood Voices
232.	1/3/2022	Alice Polesky	AI#2 - Community Follow Staff recomm Planning Voter Initiative	nendation
233.	1/3/2022	Millicent Johnson	AI#2 - Community SB 9 SB 10 - support Planning Voter Initiative California	the cause of Livable
234.	1/3/2022	William Netro	AI#2 - Community Support the Our Nei Planning Voter Initiative Initiative	ghborhood Voices
235.	1/3/2022	Your Friend (jrgr811)	AI#2 - Community Support the Our Nei Planning Voter Initiative Initiative	ghborhood Voices
236.	1/3/2022	Linda Riebel	AI#2 - Community Support the Our Nei Planning Voter Initiative Initiative	ghborhood Voices
237.	1/3/2022	The O'Connell Family	AI#2 - Community Support the Our Nei Planning Voter Initiative Initiative	ghborhood Voices
238.	1/3/2022	Martha Oaklander Dr. Mha Atma S Khalsa	AI#2 - Community Support the Our Nei Planning Voter Initiative Initiative	ghborhood Voices
239.	1/3/2022	Melissa Michelson	AI#2 - Community Support resolution t Planning Voter Initiative support Our Neighbo	• •
240.	1/3/2022	David Madison	AI#2 - Community Support the Our Nei Planning Voter Initiative Initiative	ghborhood Voices
241.	1/3/2022	Mark Martin	AI#2 – Community Support the Our Nei Planning Voter Initiative Initiative	ghborhood Voices
242.	1/3/2022	Diane Trout		ghborhood Voices" t the original SB50 and it passed like the current

243.	1/3/2022	Mariana Mellor	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
244.	1/3/2022	Peggy Ebright		AI#2 - Community	SB 9
				Planning Voter Initiative	
245.	1/3/2022	Sandy		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
246.	1/3/2022	Roy Greenberg		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
247.	1/3/2022	Stan Hollingworth		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
248.	1/3/2022	Meghan Sahli-Wells		AI#2 - Community	vote no on item 2, the "Community Planning
				Planning Voter Initiative	Voter Initiative
249.	1/3/2022	Dan McDonald		AI#2 - Community	Support the Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
250.	1/3/2022	Nancy Barba		AI#2 - Community	Oppose the Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
251.	1/3/2022	Elias Platte Bermeo		AI#2 - Community	Oppose the Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
252.	1/3/2022	John Briggs		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
253.	1/3/2022	Paul Melmed		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
254.	1/4/2022	Cassandra Sanchez		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
255.	1/4/2022	Suzanne De		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
		Benedittis		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
256.	1/4/2022	Colleen OBrien	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
257.	1/4/2022	Jill Bittner		AI#2 - Community	Support for the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
258.	1/4/2022	Sue Higgins		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
259.	1/4/2022	Barbara Broide		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
260.	1/4/2022	Michelle Weiner	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"

261.	1/4/2022	Leah Pressman		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Vote No on Item 2, the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
262.	1/4/2022	Leah Pressman	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
263.	1/4/2022	Patty Kirby		AI#2 - Community	Stop SB 9 in Southern CA vote NO
				Planning Voter Initiative	
264.	1/4/2022	Frederick Hahn		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
265.	1/4/2022	Beth Haney		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
266.	1/4/2022	Paul Ganz		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
267.	1/4/2022	Bob Anderson		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
268.	1/4/2022	T.J. Esposito		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
269.	1/4/2022	Eva Hess		AI#2 - Community	Affordable Housing helps build Healthy
				Planning Voter Initiative	Communities
270.	1/4/2022	Kim Hunter-Reay		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
271.	1/4/2022	Thomas Baule		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
272.	1/4/2022	Deborah Andorka-		AI#2 - Community	Vote Yes to Support Community Planning
		Aceves		Planning Voter Initiative	Voter Initiative
273.	1/4/2022	Brad Thompson		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
274.	1/4/2022	Audrey Friedman		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
275.	1/4/2022	Jacqueline Smith		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
276.	1/4/2022	Orly Laluz		AI#2 - Community	Concerned about Housing Issues
				Planning Voter Initiative	
277.	1/4/2022	Esperanza Perdomo		AI#2 - Community	Vote Yes to Support Community Planning
				Planning Voter Initiative	Voter Initiative
278.	1/4/2022	Prem Chopra		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative

279.	1/4/2022	Steven G. Smith		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
280.	1/4/2022	Bruce Block		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
281.	1/4/2022	Jeanne Smith		AI#2 - Community	Support for the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
282.	1/4/2022	Scott Garland		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
283.	1/4/2022	Randi Vita		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
284.	1/4/2022	Katherine Makinney		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
285.	1/4/2022	Constance Boukidis		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
286.	1/4/2022	Mark Amparan		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
287.	1/4/2022	James Meehan		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
288.	1/4/2022	Dani Zandel		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
289.	1/4/2022	Joyce A. Murphy		AI#2 - Community	SB 9
				Planning Voter Initiative	
290.	1/4/2022	Nabil Yacoub		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
291.	1/4/2022	Peggy Lmb		AI#2 - Community	Stop SB 9
				Planning Voter Initiative	
292.	1/4/2022	William Hiatt		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
293.	1/4/2022	Brad Foley	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
294.	1/4/2022	Mayumi Fukushima	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
295.	1/4/2022	Mary Fischer		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
296.	1/4/2022	Phil Lelyveld		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative

297.	1/4/2022	Peter H. Rowe		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
298.	1/4/2022	Jan Taylor		Al#2 - Community	Affordable Housing - Allow local communities
250.	1, 1, 2022	Jan Taylor		Planning Voter Initiative	to plan our neighborhoods Not Sacramento
299.	1/4/2022	Claude Rush		Al#2 - Community	SB 9
233.	1/ 4/ 2022	cidade Nasii		Planning Voter Initiative	
300.	1/4/2022	Chuck Walrad		Al#2 - Community	SB 9 and 10
300.	1/ 4/ 2022	Chack Wallaa		Planning Voter Initiative	
301.	1/4/2022	Disa Lindgren	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
301.	1/ 4/ 2022	Disa Emagren	Abditidant Hodsing LA	Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
302.	1/4/2022	Jeff Schwartz	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
302.	1, 1, 2022	3011 3011 441 62	Abandant Housing Ext	Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
303.	1/4/2022	Lesley Althaus		Al#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
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304.	1/4/2022	Jane Dunlap		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
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305.	1/4/2022	Maria Pavlou Kalban	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
306.	1/4/2022	Scott Bagley		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
	, , ,			Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
307.	1/4/2022	Gary Guthman	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
		<u> </u>		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
308.	1/4/2022	Holly Sherwin		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
		,		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
309.	1/4/2022	Lily Zandel		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
310.	1/4/2022	Rex Payne		AI#2 - Community	Stop SB 9
		,		Planning Voter Initiative	·
311.	1/4/2022	Michael Ainslie	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
312.	1/4/2022	Matt Tweedie		AI#2 - Community	Supporting Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
313.	1/4/2022	Constance Carlson		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
314.	1/4/2022	Catherine Douglass		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
		_		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative

315.	1/4/2022	Rosanne Keynan		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
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316.	1/4/2022	Topher Mathers	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
317.	1/4/2022	Todd Young		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
318.	1/4/2022	Claire Sheftel		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
319.	1/4/2022	Kyle Fordham	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
320.	1/4/2022	Craug Lyn	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
321.	1/4/2022	Chase Engelhardt	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
	' '	S S		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
322.	1/4/2022	Barry Host		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
OLL.	1, 1, 2022			Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
323.	1/4/2022	Nancy Foster		Al#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
323.	1, 1, 2022	Trumey 1 obter		Planning Voter Initiative	Support community riaming voter initiative
324.	1/4/2022	Britta Eriksson		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
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325.	1/4/2022	Leslie Elkan		Al#2 - Community	Get rid of SB 9 and 10
323.	1,4,2022	Ecsile Likari		Planning Voter Initiative	Get na or 3b 3 and 10
326.	1/4/2022	ersharonrn		Al#2 - Community	SB 9
320.	1/4/2022	ersilarollili		Planning Voter Initiative	30 9
327.	1/4/2022	Samuel & Cathy Wise		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
327.	1/4/2022	Samuel & Cathy Wise		•	Initiative
220	4/4/2022	NACILITATION ASSESSMENT		Planning Voter Initiative	
328.	1/4/2022	William A. Miller		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
329.	1/4/2022	Emma Riordan		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
330.	1/4/2022	Joe Steins		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
331.	1/4/2022	Christine Mills	Hollywood	AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
		O'Brien	Homeowners	Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
			Association		

332.	1/4/2022	The Lafferman		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
		Family		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
333.	1/4/2022	Pamela Davis		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
334.	1/4/2022	Ruth Ann Poons-		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
		Geoghan		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
335.	1/4/2022	Paul Moses	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
336.	1/4/2022	Kathy Howard		AI#2 - Community	Support for SCAG's Recommendation to
				Planning Voter Initiative	Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative
337.	1/4/2022	Anita Agzarian		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
338.	1/4/2022	Claire O'Hanlon	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
339.	1/4/2022	Sharon Ashley		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
		,		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
340.	1/4/2022	John Dustin		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
341.	1/4/2022	Michael S. Kirk		AI#2 - Community	Support for SCAG's Recommendation to
				Planning Voter Initiative	Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative
342.	1/4/2022	Connie Sholomson		AI#2 - Community	Support for SCAG's Recommendation to
				Planning Voter Initiative	Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative
343.	1/4/2022	Camille Greenspan		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
344.	1/4/2022	Camille Greenspan		Al#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
345.	1/4/2022	G Noble		AI#2 - Community	Stop taking control away from local city
				Planning Voter Initiative	governments
346.	1/4/2022	Michael Bryant		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
	, ,	,		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
347.	1/4/2022	Kyle Richardson	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
	' '	,		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
348.	1/4/2022	Rondi Werner	Adams Hill	Al#2 - Community	Support Our Neighborhood Voices
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			Association in Glendale		

349.	1/4/2022	Jan Reichmann	Comstock Hills Homeowners Association	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
350.	1/4/2022	Alynsey3		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Crowded California
351.	1/4/2022	Nancy Rae Stone		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
352.	1/4/2022	Tim Hilborn		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
353.	1/4/2022	Evalyn Bayley		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
354.	1/4/2022	Timothy Bayley		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
355.	1/4/2022	Tina Peak		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
356.	1/4/2022	Arlene Gould		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support for SCAG's Recommendation to Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative
357.	1/4/2022	Jean Stout		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
358.	1/4/2022	Nancy Gomez		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative
359.	1/4/2022	Monica Miranda		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
360.	1/4/2022	Terry Silberman		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
361.	1/4/2022	Sean Cazares		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Yes on the Community Planning Voter Initiative
362.	1/4/2022	Eliot Hudson		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
363.	1/4/2022	Laura Fanella		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
364.	1/4/2022	Mimi Nakamura	Kewen Canyon Neighborhood Association (Pasadena & San Marino)	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative

365.	1/4/2022	Norma O. Chavez		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
366.	1/4/2022	Wendy Salz		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
367.	1/4/2022	Eileen Boken		Planning Voter Initiative AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Ballot Initiative
368.	1/5/2022	David Thomas	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
369.	1/5/2022	Laurie Barlow		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
370.	1/5/2022	Amy Josefek		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
371.	1/5/2022	Henry Fung		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
372.	1/5/2022	Aurelia Sanchez		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	SB 9
373.	1/5/2022	Marifrances Trivelli		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	SUPPORT of SCAG staff recommendation - Neighborhood Voices Initiative
374.	1/5/2022	Kim Clinton		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Neighborhood Planning Initiative
375.	1/5/2022	Devin Galaudet		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
376.	1/5/2022	Fjaere Nilssen- Mooney		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support for SCAG's Recommendation to Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative
377.	1/5/2022	John W. Heath		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
378.	1/5/2022	Banaf Rahimi	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
379.	1/5/2022	Sydney Gordon	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
380.	1/5/2022	Jack Humphreville		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Yes on Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
381.	1/5/2022	Arvind Ramesh	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

382.	1/5/2022	Dennis Piotrowski		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support SCAG staff recommendation - Neighborhood Voices Initiative
383.	1/5/2022	Jamie Wallace &	Culver City Neighbors	AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
		Jeannine Wisnosky	United	Planning Voter Initiative	, , ,
384.	1/5/2022	Dylan Gottlieb		AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
385.	1/5/2022	Rafa Sonnenfeld	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
386.	1/5/2022	Ted Goldestein		AI#2 - Community	SB 9
				Planning Voter Initiative	
387.	1/5/2022	Andrew Silver		AI#2 - Community	Reject NIMBY Obstruction
				Planning Voter Initiative	
388.	1/5/2022	Debbie Goodman		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
389.	1/5/2022	Teri Austin		AI#2 - Community	Support for SCAG's Recommendation to
				Planning Voter Initiative	Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative
390.	1/5/2022	Julie Tomanpos	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
391.	1/5/2022	Matthew Clark		AI#2 - Community	Renters' rights, property management
				Planning Voter Initiative	companies, and rent stabilization
392.	1/5/2022	Mark and Joan		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
		Slavaterra		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
393.	1/5/2022	William Champlin		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
394.	1/5/2022	Peter Chan	Monterey Park Council	AI#2 - Community	Supporting local control over land use
			Member	Planning Voter Initiative	elements
395.	1/5/2022	David Hoyt		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
396.	1/5/2022	Elizabeth Lerer		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
397.	1/5/2022	Christopher Kreidel	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
398.	1/5/2022	Carol Kramer		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
399.	1/5/2022	Diana Nave		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative

400.	1/5/2022	Board of Directors	Friends of Sunset Park	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
401.	1/5/2022	Anthony Rizzo		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
402.	1/5/2022	Max Kanin		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	In Favor of the Neighborhood Voices Initiative
403.	1/5/2022	Maxwell Ogden	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
404.	1/5/2022	Jackie Ecklund		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Ballot Initiative
405.	1/5/2022	Allen Akin		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
406.	1/5/2022	Bill and Carol Gallagher		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
407.	1/5/2022	Mary M. Broderick		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
408.	1/5/2022	Jeff Bossin		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
409.	1/5/2022	Melissa Sanders & Eric James Metz		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
410.	1/5/2022	Bryan Sanders		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
411.	1/5/2022	David Stout		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
412.	1/5/2022	Helen Pinkston		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
413.	1/5/2022	Mark Berk		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
414.	1/5/2022	Ariel and Eric Rudin		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
415.	1/5/2022	Ed Wolkowitz		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
416.	1/5/2022	Jennifer Merlis		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
417.	1/5/2022	Marta Valdez		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative

418.	1/5/2022	Andrea Parra		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
419.	1/5/2022	Amy Loftus		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
		Penchansky		Planning Voter Initiative	
420.	1/5/2022	Stephen Randall		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
421.	1/5/2022	Patricia Graf		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
422.	1/5/2022	Carol Maddon		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
423.	1/5/2022	Vikram Thakur		Al#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
424.	1/5/2022	Alison Bonn		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
425.	1/5/2022	Erick Faul		Al#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
426.	1/5/2022	Dan Silver	Endangered Habitats	Al#2 - Community	Oppose the Neighborhood Voices Initiative
			League	Planning Voter Initiative	
427.	1/5/2022	David Garfinkle		AI#2 - Community	Support for the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
428.	1/5/2022	Daniel Martinez		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
429.	1/5/2022	Mesghali Farid		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
430.	1/5/2022	Judy Levitow		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
431.	1/5/2022	Lydia Spiegelman		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
432.	1/5/2022	Kathy Wexler		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
433.	1/5/2022	Wilton Henderson		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
434.	1/5/2022	Ehsaan Mesghali		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
435.	1/5/2022	Jordan Hart		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	

436.	1/5/2022	Eric Frans	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
437.	1/5/2022	Allen Franz	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
438.	1/5/2022	John Mueller	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
439.	1/5/2022	Valle Altobelli	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
440.	1/5/2022	Julie Sisk	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
441.	1/5/2022	Elizabeth Kinnon	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
442.	1/5/2022	Amy Agzarian	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
443.	1/5/2022	My Tran Grenard	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
444.	1/5/2022	Elena Clark	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
445.	1/5/2022	Jacqueline Smith	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
446.	1/5/2022	Jeff Cooper	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
447.	1/5/2022	Diane Haun	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
448.	1/5/2022	Diane Haun	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
449.	1/5/2022	Diane Haun	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
450.	1/5/2022	John Dagenais	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
451.	1/5/2022	Janet Wilson	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
452.	1/5/2022	Marci Baun	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
453.	1/5/2022	Matt Brown	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative

454.	1/5/2022	Sarah Mozal	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
455.	1/5/2022	D. Mitchell		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
456.	1/5/2022	Raul Gutierrez		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
457.	1/5/2022	John and Terri Stibel		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
458.	1/5/2022	Raaj Shankla		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
459.	1/5/2022	Ariel Malmazada		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
460.	1/5/2022	James Yu	Abundant Housing LA	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
461.	1/5/2022	mahorvath		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
462.	1/5/2022	Bob Horvath		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
463.	1/5/2022	Sara Hartley		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
464.	1/5/2022	R. Herriott		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
465.	1/5/2022	Eric Filseth		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
466.	1/5/2022	Byron Wilson		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
467.	1/5/2022	Doug Townsley		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
468.	1/5/2022	Paige & Christopher Greenspan		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
469.	1/5/2022	Neil Bryant		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
470.	1/5/2022	Aileen Pavlin		Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Affordable Housing

471.	1/5/2022	Terry Drucker	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
472.	1/5/2022	Ben Burud	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
473.	1/5/2022	Betsy Amparan	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
474.	1/5/2022	Sherri Starr	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
475.	1/5/2022	Jovita Mendoza	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
476.	1/5/2022	Dolores Williams	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
477.	1/5/2022	Max Gabl	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
478.	1/5/2022	Rosi Gabl	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
479.	1/5/2022	Cheryl & Don Preston	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Adopt the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
480.	1/5/2022	Jerry Isono Betty Isono	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
481.	1/5/2022	Ronald E. Ostrin	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Culver City is getting the Bum's Rush by CA- YIMBY as is the state
482.	1/5/2022	Jason Frand	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
483.	1/5/2022	Darryl Grayson	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
484.	1/5/2022	Ann Easley	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
485.	1/5/2022	Michael Tesfai	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
486.	1/5/2022	Douglas Felts	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
487.	1/5/2022	Marcie Guillermo	Al#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
488.	1/5/2022	Woofpurrl	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative

489.	1/5/2022	Elvin Moon	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Yes on Agenda item A2 - Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
490.	1/5/2022	Christian Quie	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
491.	1/5/2022	Elvin Moon	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Yes on Agenda item A2 - Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
492.	1/5/2022	Sharon Bowman	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
493.	1/5/2022	Greg Campbell	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
494.	1/5/2022	John Buuck	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
495.	1/5/2022	Jack Bishop	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
496.	1/5/2022	Kim Warwick	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
497.	1/5/2022	Rafia Cooper	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
498.	1/5/2022	Scot Kelly	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
499.	1/5/2022	Ramsey Houston Salem	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
500.	1/5/2022	Kenneth Alexander	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
501.	1/5/2022	Denise Yarfitz-Pierre	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
502.	1/5/2022	Fran Benuska	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Local control of land use
503.	1/5/2022	Mark Gordon	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
504.	1/5/2022	Vicki Daly Redholtz	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
505.	1/5/2022	Tracy T. Davis	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
506.	1/5/2022	Mark Gordon	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative

507.	1/5/2022	David Packard		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
508.	1/5/2022	James Tan/Pi Tan and		AI#2 - Community	SB 9
	, ,	Family		Planning Voter Initiative	
509.	1/5/2022	Ann Waterman and		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
		Robert Dickey		Planning Voter Initiative	
510.	1/5/2022	Emily Kamen		AI#2 - Community	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
		, i		Planning Voter Initiative	
511.	1/5/2022	Frances Prichett		AI#2 - Community	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
	, ,			Planning Voter Initiative	
512.	1/5/2022	Mary McFadden		AI#2 - Community	Yes on the Our Neighborhood Voices
	, ,	,		Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
513.	1/5/2022	Julie Sisk		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
514.	1/5/2022	Ruth & Kurt Zasadil		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	, ,
515.	1/5/2022	Anthony Dedousis		AI#2 - Community	Opposition to Agenda Item 2 (Proposed
		·		Planning Voter Initiative	"Community Planning Voter Initiative")
516.	1/5/2022	Luz Marina Glorioso		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
517.	1/5/2022	Susanna Domancich		AI#2 - Community	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
518.	1/5/2022	Patricia McPherson	Grassroots Coalition	AI#2 - Community	Support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
519.	1/5/2022	Dani Zandel		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
520.	1/5/2022	Lillian Zandel		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
521.	1/5/2022	LuAnne Chang		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
522.	1/5/2022	John Mirisch		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	initiative
523.	1/5/2022	444342		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
524.	1/5/2022	Sandra Holliday		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	initiative

525.	1/5/2022	Mary-Lynne Fisher		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices initiative
526.	1/5/2022	Marshall & Rashelle		AI#2 - Community	Support of Our Neighborhood Voices local
		Zelaznik		Planning Voter Initiative	planning initiative
527.	1/5/2022	Annabella Hall		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
528.	1/5/2022	David Hall		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
529.	1/5/2022	Greg Goldin	Miracle Mile Residential	AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
			Association	Planning Voter Initiative	
530.	1/5/2022	Kathy Knight		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	initiative
531.	1/5/2022	Lisa Kimotsuki		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
532.	1/5/2022	Rosalinda LaBriola		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
533.	1/5/2022	Alex Hamilton	City of San Marino	AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	initiative
534.	1/5/2022	Rosalinda LaBriola		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
535.	1/5/2022	Jenny Hontz		AI#2 - Community	Planning ballot initiative is problematic
				Planning Voter Initiative	
536.	1/5/2022	Cindy Bailey		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
537.	1/5/2022	Mike Bailey		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
538.	1/5/2022	Ken Niles		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
539.	1/5/2022	Diajeng Hendratmo-		Al#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
		Brown		Planning Voter Initiative	
540.	1/5/2022	Holly Osborne		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
541.	1/5/2022	Sandy Hubbard		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
542.	1/5/2022	Sandy Hubbard		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	

543.	1/5/2022	Richard Cate and		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
		Sandy Hubbard		Planning Voter Initiative	
544.	1/5/2022	Jennifer Jordan		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
545.	1/5/2022	Tommy Atlee	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative"
546.	1/5/2022	Kevin Lachoff		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
547.	1/5/2022	Amy Gustincic		AI#2 - Community	Strongly recommending you do not support
				Planning Voter Initiative	item 2
548.	1/5/2022	Barry Ross		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	
549.	1/5/2022	Fran Offenhauser		AI#2 - Community	Support the Our Neighborhood Voices
				Planning Voter Initiative	Initiative
550.	1/5/2022	Vicki Planck		AI#2 - Community	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
				Planning Voter Initiative	

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 28, 2021 6:33 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Leonora Camner using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Leonora Camner From: nzernitskaya@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Natalya Zernitskaya

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Personally sent by Natalya Zernitskaya using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Natalya Zernitskaya **From:** arjunk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Arjun Kolachalam <arjunk@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 7:41 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Arjun Kolachalam using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Arjun Kolachalam From: jason.mastbaum@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Mastbaum

<jason.mastbaum@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Jason Mastbaum using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Jason Mastbaum **From:** analisaswan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Analisa Swan

<analisaswan@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Analisa Swan using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Analisa Swan From: Martha.kriley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Martha Kriley

<Martha.kriley@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Martha Kriley using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Martha Kriley **From:** thomas.a.vosburgh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tom Vosburgh

<thomas.a.vosburgh@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Tom Vosburgh using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Tom Vosburgh From: katherinelaurachen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katherine Chen

<katherinelaurachen@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 7:50 AM

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Personally sent by Katherine Chen using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Katherine Chen From: gary.ray.benjamin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gary Benjamin

<gary.ray.benjamin@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Gary Benjamin using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Gary Benjamin From: jillianburgos@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jillian Burgos

<jillianburgos@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Jillian Burgos using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Jillian Burgos From: sean643@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sean McCormick < sean643

@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Sean McCormick using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Sean McCormick From: samantha@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Samantha Hill

<samantha@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 8:04 AM

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Personally sent by Samantha Hill using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Samantha Hill From: saheinzman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andrew Heinzman

<saheinzman@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Andrew Heinzman using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Andrew Heinzman From: thomasirwin13@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Irwin <thomasirwin13

@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Thomas Irwin using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Thomas Irwin From: nkburns3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nicholas Burns III < nkburns3

@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Nicholas Burns III using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Nicholas Burns III From: dejaybe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Barboza <dejaybe@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by David Barboza using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, David Barboza **From:** samanthajeansumampong@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Samantha Jean Sumampong

<samanthajeansumampong@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Samantha Jean Sumampong using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Samantha Jean Sumampong From: gyogelheim@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Geneva Vogelheim

<gvogelheim@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Geneva Vogelheim using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Geneva Vogelheim From: iyera@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Avinash lyer <igera@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Avinash Iyer using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Avinash Iyer From: stauffermt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Matt Stauffer

<stauffermt@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Matt Stauffer using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Matt Stauffer **From:** oscarduenas40@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Oscar Duenas <oscarduenas40

@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Oscar Duenas using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Oscar Duenas From: isaacresnikoff@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Isaac Resnikoff

<isaacresnikoff@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Isaac Resnikoff using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Isaac Resnikoff **From:** bruce.vanvoorhis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bruce Van Voorhis

<bruce.vanvoorhis@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Bruce Van Voorhis using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Bruce Van Voorhis From: andy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andy Freeland <andy@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Andy Freeland using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Andy Freeland From: mcns.777@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mariana Mellor <mcns.777

@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Mariana Mellor using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Mariana Mellor From: tie.ryder@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tieira Ryder <tie.ryder@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 8:57 AM

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Dear SCAG Regional Council,

The segregationist NIMBYs have delayed enough housing developments, enough is enough! NIMBYs shouldn't get to decide where the next generation of residents gets to live and what type of housing they get on vacant land. The time for restorative land & housing justice is NOW! Residents that have been impacted by housing violence need self-determination on vacant land. I support bills like SB9 & 10 and do not want to see any further delays of housing developments.

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Best,

Tieira

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Sincerely, Tieira Ryder From: acopulsky@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alexander Copulsky

<acopulsky@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 8:57 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Alexander Copulsky using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Alexander Copulsky **From:** joshraymd

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 8:57 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group; Michael Houston; Kome Ajise

**Subject:** Item 2, January 6th meeting

It is really amazing that this item was an informational item on the legislative committee agenda and the committee decided to recommend approval even though it wasn't an action item. This deprived the good people who would oppose this motion a voice in the committee and the ability to educate them on what this initiative would do.

This is a complete miscarriage of how SCAG should operate and this action took away the ability of the public to have a say in the committee.

# INFORMATION ITEMS

Community Planning Voter Initiative (LCMC may consider motion to recommodulate a position on this measure)

(Estee Sepulveda, Legislative Analyst)

Sent from my iPad

From: marcosrm14@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marcos Rodriguez Maciel <marcosrm14

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 8:58 AM

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Personally sent by Marcos Rodriguez Maciel using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Marcos Rodriguez Maciel From: rachelorfila@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachel Orfila

<rachelorfila@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 9:06 AM

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Personally sent by Rachel Orfila using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Rachel Orfila From: mark.yetter1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Yetter < mark.yetter1

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 9:13 AM

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Personally sent by Mark Yetter using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Mark Yetter **From:** smorrissey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shawn Morrissey

<smorrissey@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Shawn Morrissey using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Shawn Morrissey From: amyty@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amy Liu <amyty@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 9:16 AM

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Please work to protect and promote policies that will provide MORE housing and do not let a history of NIMBYism continue to plague and hold back California.

Sincerely, Amy Liu From: charlie.m.mcnulty@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charlie McNulty

<charlie.m.mcnulty@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 9:28 AM

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Personally sent by Charlie McNulty using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Charlie McNulty From: reach.mre@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Edwards

<reach.mre@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 9:30 AM

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Personally sent by Mark Edwards using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Mark Edwards From: dominickfalzone1212@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dominick Falzone

<dominickfalzone1212@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 9:31 AM

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Personally sent by Dominick Falzone using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Dominick Falzone From: tami@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tami Kagan-Abrams <tami@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Tami Kagan-Abrams using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Tami Kagan-Abrams From: cmuhlstein@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carl Muhlstein

<cmuhlstein@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 9:40 AM

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**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Carl Muhlstein using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Carl Muhlstein From: sarahback1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sarah Back <sarahback1

@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Sarah Back using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Sarah Back From: thegregorysroka@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gregory Sroka

<thegregorysroka@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 10:03 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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As a homeowner I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

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Personally sent by Gregory Sroka using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Gregory Sroka From: hutchins2020@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Grant Hutchins <hutchins2020

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 10:11 AM

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Personally sent by Grant Hutchins using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Grant Hutchins From: jay.will.math@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jay Williams

<jay.will.math@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Jay Williams using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Jay Williams From: ryank.pf@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ryan Koyanagi <ryank.pf@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Ryan Koyanagi using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Ryan Koyanagi From: krljenkins@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kyle Jenkins <krljenkins@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Kyle Jenkins using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Kyle Jenkins From: mogden@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maxwell Ogden

<mogden@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Maxwell Ogden using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Maxwell Ogden From: evisick@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elisa Visick <evisick@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Elisa Visick using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Elisa Visick **From:** feliperojas8529@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Felipe Rojas <feliperojas8529

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 10:51 AM

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Personally sent by Felipe Rojas using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Felipe Rojas From: jcpaten@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jonah Paten <jcpaten@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 10:21 AM

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Jonah Paten using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Jonah Paten From: aaron\_klemm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Aaron Klemm

<aaron\_klemm@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 10:52 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets and make SCAG party to lawsuits on regarding the legality of this initiative similar to Prop 22.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Aaron Klemm using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Aaron Klemm From: jrstephens@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joshua Stephens

<jrstephens@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Joshua Stephens using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Joshua Stephens From: kevz21189@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kevin Zelaya <kevz21189

@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Kevin Zelaya using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Kevin Zelaya From: zhanq.andrew992@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andrew Zhanq <zhanq.andrew992

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 11:02 AM

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Personally sent by Andrew Zhang using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Andrew Zhang From: shanedphillips@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shane Phillips

<shanedphillips@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 11:03 AM

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Personally sent by Shane Phillips using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Shane Phillips **From:** merrilyweiss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Merrily Weiss

<merrilyweiss@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Merrily Weiss using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Merrily Weiss From: mclemson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Clemson

<mclemson@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Michael Clemson using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Michael Clemson From: elenach@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elena Christopoulos

<elenach@everyactioncustom.com>

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Elena Christopoulos using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Elena Christopoulos From: brandx3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Richard Brand <brandx3@everyactioncustom.com>

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Richard Brand using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Richard Brand From: bm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Babak Mozaffari <br/>bm@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Babak Mozaffari using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Babak Mozaffari From: jose4climate@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jose Trinidad Castaneda

<jose4climate@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 11:30 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

Dear SCAG Board and Staff,

This is Jose Trinidad Castaneda in Buena Park. Please OPPOSE the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would prevent the state from using both \*past\* and \*future\* legislation to work towards housing solutions, which is insanity to put it lightly. This initiative would also rollback important pieces of legislation such as SB 330, which contains demolition protections for renters, and puts my neighbors and residents at risk of displacement.

This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Thank you,
Jose Trinidad Castaneda

I used Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Jose Trinidad Castaneda From: julie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julie Wedge < julie@everyactioncustom.com>

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Julie Wedge using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Julie Wedge From: prabhu.r.reddy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Prabhu Reddy

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Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 11:32 AM

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Personally sent by Prabhu Reddy using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Prabhu Reddy From: kellanmartz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kellan Martz

<kellanmartz@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 11:32 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

## Dear SCAG Regional Council,

As an affordable housing attorney, homelessness nonprofit leader, and rent commissioner, I implore you vote that SCAG opposes the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

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For these reasons, please strongly oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative." This is not the right way to go about our housing shortage, at all.

Personally sent by Kellan Martz using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization. All views are my own and not those of my employer, commission, or nonprofit organization. Thank you.

Sincerely, Kellan Martz From: kayla.acostaqalvan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kayla Acosta-Galvan

<kayla.acostagalvan@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Kayla Acosta-Galvan using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Kayla Acosta-Galvan From: zennonuc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Zennon Ulyate-Crow

<zennonuc@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Zennon Ulyate-Crow using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Zennon Ulyate-Crow From: patsburgh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patrick Meighan

<patsburgh@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 11:36 AM

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Dear SCAG Regional Council,

SCAG must vociferously oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"!

Our state faces a severe housing shortage. SCAG has historically been a leader in raising awareness about the local barriers to housing production... barriers that state legislation like SB 330, SB 9, and SB 10 were designed to remove. The proposed "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would undo all of that work, and prevent the state from any further pro-housing action... all to mollify NIMBYs who don't want \*any\* additional housing near them. Not if authorized by the state. Not if authorized locally. None.

Scarce housing is bad for the vast majority of SCAG's rent-burdened and housing-insecure residents... but good for the lucky incumbent homeowners who've been made mind-boggglingly wealthy by the housing shortage. But those millionaires don't need your help. The rest of your constituents do. You can start by opposing the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Patrick Meighan using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Patrick Meighan From: mark.walker.vt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Walker

<mark.walker.vt@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Mark Walker using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Mark Walker From: elliottsetolee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elliott Lee

<elliottsetolee@everyactioncustom.com>

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

More housing is good! We need more housing! Please don't support legislation that makes building more housing more difficult!

Personally sent by Elliott Lee using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Elliott Lee **From:** graysonapeters@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Grayson Peters

<graysonapeters@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Grayson Peters using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Grayson Peters Agoura Hills, CA 91301 From: stan916@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stan Oklobdzija <stan916@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Stan Oklobdzija using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Stan Oklobdzija From: jesse.hoff@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jesse Hoff <jesse.hoff@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Jesse Hoff using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Jesse Hoff **From:** jeff.lawrence.schwartz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeff Schwartz

<jeff.lawrence.schwartz@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Jeff Schwartz using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Jeff Schwartz **From:** briancrumpley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brian Crumpley

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Brian Crumpley using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Brian Crumpley From: cierakorb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ciera Korb < cierakorb@everyactioncustom.com >

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 11:56 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Ciera Korb using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Ciera Korb From: michaelsacks@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Sacks

<michaelsacks@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 11:57 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Michael Sacks using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Michael Sacks From: jgperez2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Perez <jgperez2@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:02 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by John Perez.

Sincerely, John Perez From: Kevin Burke

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:02 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose endorsement of ballot measure (item 2 on Jan 6 agenda)

I am writing to oppose the "local control" ballot measure.

I grew up in California and hardly any of my friends still live here because we've underbuilt housing for so long that they can't afford to raise a family and afford a home in this state.

The state is taking some very limited actions to help address the housing crisis and make California more livable for people my age. Voters rank homelessness as their top issue and keep sending these legislators back to Sacramento to do more. If they were unpopular then NIMBY candidates would get elected to Sacramento more often.

Please vote no on this ballot measure.

**From:** a.terpoorten@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andreas Terpoorten

<a.terpoorten@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:02 PM

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Personally sent by Andreas Terpoorten using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely,
Andreas Terpoorten

From: tszelazek@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Szelazek

<tszelazek@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:02 PM

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Personally sent by Thomas Szelazek using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Thomas Szelazek From: reedalvarado@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Reed Alvarado

<reedalvarado@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:03 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Reed Alvarado using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Reed Alvarado From: acvilla100@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Al Villa <acvilla100@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:04 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Al Villa using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Al Villa **From:** sylviaev38@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sylvia Varela <sylviaev38

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:08 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Sylvia Varela using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Sylvia Varela From: robert.masys@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Masys

<robert.masys@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:07 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Robert Masys using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Robert Masys From: recap-barcode.0d@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ben Patterson < recap-

barcode.0d@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:09 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

I personally lobbied state legislators to support denser housing allowances and to see neighbors object while homelessness grows is sad.

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Personally sent by Ben Patterson using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Ben Patterson From: chicobaby461@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Oralia Acosta <chicobaby461

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:10 PM

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Personally sent by Oralia Acosta using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Oralia Acosta From: terpoorten@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Creiselda Terpoorten

<terpoorten@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:12 PM

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Personally sent by Creiselda Terpoorten using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Creiselda Terpoorten From: halcorp@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Frank Halary <halcorp@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:17 PM

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Personally sent by Frank Halary using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Frank Halary **From:** edameron@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emerson Dameron

<edameron@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:17 PM

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Personally sent by Emerson Dameron using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Emerson Dameron From: knelson63091@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kelsey Schwartz <knelson63091

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:21 PM

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Personally sent by Kelsey Schwartz using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Kelsey Schwartz **From:** normaguz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of norma guzman

<normaguz@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:31 PM

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**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by norma guzman using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, norma guzman From: gallagher.williamp@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Will Gallagher

<gallagher.williamp@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:36 PM

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Personally sent by Will Gallagher using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Will Gallagher From: hello@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Machiko Yasuda <hello@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Machiko Yasuda using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Machiko Yasuda **From:** sachi.cooper@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sachi Cooper

<sachi.cooper@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:42 PM

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Personally sent by Sachi Cooper using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Sachi Cooper From: rfruchtose@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Fruchtman

<rfruchtose@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:45 PM

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Personally sent by Robert Fruchtman using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Robert Fruchtman From: rlubin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Becca Lubin <rlubin@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:46 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Becca Lubin using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Becca Lubin From: Sayedyronaldo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sayed Murad

<Sayedyronaldo@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:48 PM

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Personally sent by Sayed Murad using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Sayed Murad From: gioiajoann@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joann Gioia

<gioiajoann@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 12:58 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

# Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to ask that SCAG SUPPORT the "Community Planning Land Use Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

California lawmakers are ruining the beautiful state of California. Thank you for your support of the "Community Planning Land Use Initiative"

Sincerely, Joann Gioia From: boyonabike62@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Lloyd <boyonabike62

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 1:01 PM

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Personally sent by John Lloyd using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, John Lloyd From: pegbej1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Peggy Bejarano <pegbej1@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 1:08 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Peggy Bejarano using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Peggy Bejarano From: dynamique@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brian Trautman

<dynamique@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 1:09 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Brian Trautman using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Brian Trautman From: glennc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Glenn Crider < glennc@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 1:33 PM

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Personally sent by Glenn Crider using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Glenn Crider **From:** bretmattc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bret Contreras

<bre>cbretmattc@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 1:49 PM

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Personally sent by Bret Contreras using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Bret Contreras From: adamnvillani@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Adam Villani

<adamnvillani@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 1:54 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws. I have been a professional city planner for 17 years, and this initiative would represent a huge step backward in the efforts to bring affordability and equity to planning in the state of California.

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Personally sent by Adam Villani using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization. Adam Villani is a City Planner with the City of Los Angeles but is writing on his personal behalf.

Sincerely, Adam Villani From: dietrick.jager@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dietrick Jager

<dietrick.jager@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 2:09 PM

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Personally sent by Dietrick Jager using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Dietrick Jager **From:** gchasen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Greg Chasen < gchasen@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Greg Chasen using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Greg Chasen From: autumn.c.rogers@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Autumn Rogers

<autumn.c.rogers@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Autumn Rogers using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Autumn Rogers **From:** thecarolanngordon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carol Gordon

<thecarolanngordon@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Carol Gordon using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Carol Gordon From: cwilson746@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Craig Wilson <cwilson746

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 2:38 PM

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Personally sent by Craig Wilson using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Craig Wilson **From:** michellefay@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michelle Fay

<michellefay@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Michelle Fay using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Michelle Fay From: verityfreebern@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Verity Freebern

<verityfreebern@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Verity Freebern using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Verity Freebern Los Angeles, CA 90065 **From:** elelwarren@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elliot Warren

<elelwarren@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Elliot Warren using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Elliot Warren From: mc23456@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mel Guerry <mc23456@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Mel Guerry using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Mel Guerry From: bob@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bob Halavi <bob@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Bob Halavi using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Bob Halavi From: jen.yvette.martinez@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Martinez

<jen.yvette.martinez@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Jennifer Martinez using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Jennifer Martinez **From:** erik.griswold@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Erik Griswold

<erik.griswold@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Erik Griswold using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Erik Griswold From: asilverins@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andrew Silver <asilverins@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Andrew Silver using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Andrew Silver From: mgertz1392@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Matt Gertz <mgertz1392

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 4:05 PM

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Personally sent by Matt Gertz using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Matt Gertz From: bphelps@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Benjamin Phelps

<bphelps@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 4:43 PM

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California has made tremendous progress in the past few years to undo racist and exclusionary zoning at the state level. It's absolutely vital that this momentum continue. We need FEWER land-use decisions made at the local level, not more.

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Personally sent by Benjamin Phelps using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Benjamin Phelps From: kjd@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kenneth Duda <kjd@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 5:01 PM

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Personally sent by Kenneth Duda using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Kenneth Duda From: terenceheuston@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Terence Heuston

<terenceheuston@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Terence Heuston using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Terence Heuston **From:** sukritganesh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sukrit Ganesh

<sukritganesh@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Sukrit Ganesh using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Sukrit Ganesh From: velocipedus@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Cahn

<velocipedus@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 5:24 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Michael Cahn using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Michael Cahn From: dominickfalzone1212@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dominick Falzone

<dominickfalzone1212@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 5:28 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Dominick Falzone using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Dominick Falzone From: jquang87cek@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chad Kim

<jguang87cek@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 6:06 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Chad Kim using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Chad Kim **Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 6:17 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Karim Sahli using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Karim Sahli **From:** bradleywewing@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bradley Ewing

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Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 6:53 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Bradley Ewing using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Bradley Ewing From: roseannboffa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Roseann Boffa

<roseannboffa@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 6:58 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

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Just because they showed up in Venice a few years ago does not mean they have authority to price the rest of us out. If they don't like homeless locals, DON'T MOVE HERE!

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Personally sent by Roseann Boffa using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Roseann Boffa From: ebmedia@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Justin Robertson

<ebmedia@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 7:22 PM

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Personally sent by Justin Robertson using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Justin Robertson From: elizabeth.laura.brown@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elizabeth Brown

<elizabeth.laura.brown@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 7:29 PM

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Personally sent by Elizabeth Brown using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Brown **From:** arobert6239@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anthony Robert <arobert6239

@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 7:32 PM

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Personally sent by Anthony Robert using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Anthony Robert From: rosss.heckmann@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ross Heckmann

<rosss.heckmann@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 7:35 PM

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Personally sent by Ross Heckmann using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Ross Heckmann From: briannajuice@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brianna Egan

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 8:13 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Brianna Egan using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Brianna Egan From: henryvanmoyland@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Henry van Moyland

<henryvanmoyland@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 9:04 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Henry van Moyland using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Henry van Moyland From: rachael.johnson.454@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachael Johnson <rachael.johnson.454

@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 9:22 PM

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Personally sent by Rachael Johnson using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Rachael Johnson From: muylani@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leilani Rivera-Dotson

<muylani@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 9:26 PM

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Personally sent by Leilani Rivera-Dotson using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Leilani Rivera-Dotson From: murray.alexander.t@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alexander Murray

<murray.alexander.t@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 9:39 PM

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Personally sent by Alexander Murray using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Alexander Murray **From:** chrisdower01@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chris Dower <chrisdower01

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 10:21 PM

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Personally sent by Chris Dower using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Chris Dower From: anna.mayer.12@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anna Dower <anna.mayer.12

@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 10:28 PM

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It is unconscionable to make it harder to house the unhorsed when crisis is already this bad. We owe it to our unhoused neighbors to put their needs ahead of the wealthy suburbanites that would benefit from the legislation in front of you.

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Personally sent by Anna Dower using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Anna Dower From: aforrevolution@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Jason

<aforrevolution@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 10:52 PM

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Personally sent by Jason Jason using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Jason Jason From: trevorhwu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Trevor Wu <trevorhwu@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 12:00 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Trevor Wu using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Trevor Wu From: cassiedacosta@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cassandra da Costa

<cassiedacosta@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 11:29 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Cassandra da Costa using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Cassandra da Costa From: atlashnovack@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Atlas Novack

<atlashnovack@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 11:34 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

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Personally sent by Atlas Novack using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

And another thing, the US is WOEFULLY behind Europe in public transportation because of the dismantling of such infrastructure in the 40s and 50s. It's time to fix that.

Sincerely, Atlas Novack From: tylermanderscheid@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tyler Manderscheid

<tylermanderscheid@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 11:38 AM

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Personally sent by Tyler Manderscheid using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Tyler Manderscheid From: jason.ostrander@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Ostrander

<jason.ostrander@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Jason Ostrander using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Jason Ostrander From: eurangaiii@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emilio Uranga

<eurangaiii@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 12:02 PM

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Personally sent by Emilio Uranga III using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Emilio Uranga From: chloe.church@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chloé Pascual

<chloe.church@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 1:27 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Chloé Pascual using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Chloé Pascual From: captainalexanderalbert@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alexander Albert

<captainalexanderalbert@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 2:35 PM

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Personally sent by Alexander Albert using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely,
Alexander Albert

From: Toby955@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Toby Muresianu <Toby955

@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 30, 2021 2:45 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

# Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am a homeowner and parent writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

California faces a severe housing shortage that has lead to exorbitant housing costs, displacement, traffic, sprawl and air pollution. Addressing it needs to be our state's top priority. SCAG has been active in raising awareness about how local barriers to housing production are related to the housing and homelessness crisis. The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would prevent the state from using both \*past\* and \*future\* legislation to work towards housing solutions. Importantly, this initiative would also rollback important pieces of legislation such as SB 330, which contains demolition protections for renters, and put SCAG residents at risk of displacement.

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Toby Muresianu using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Toby Muresianu From: hugh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Hugh Martinez <hugh@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 30, 2021 2:52 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Hugh Martinez using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Hugh Martinez From: davidhunt075@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Hunt <davidhunt075

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 2:54 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by David Hunt using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, David Hunt From: liamd31@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Liam Doherty liamd31@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 30, 2021 3:09 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Liam Doherty using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Liam Doherty From: tracycarlton@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tracy Carlton

<tracycarlton@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 30, 2021 3:35 PM

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Personally sent by Tracy Carlton using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Tracy Carlton From: mmabbas786@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mahdi Manji <mmabbas786

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 4:31 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Mahdi Manji using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Mahdi Manji From: mlmcw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michelle McWhorter

<mlmcw@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 30, 2021 5:45 PM

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Personally sent by Michelle McWhorter using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Michelle McWhorter From: rmarqulieux@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Richard Marqulieux

<rmargulieux@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 30, 2021 5:52 PM

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Personally sent by Richard Margulieux using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Richard Margulieux From: starrison1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Angela Vanthaneeyakul <starrison1

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 7:26 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Angela Vanthaneeyakul using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Angela Vanthaneeyakul From: carl.i.vanderlip@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carl Vanderlip

<carl.i.vanderlip@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 7:29 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Carl Vanderlip using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Carl Vanderlip From: darrell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Darrell Clarke <darrell@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 30, 2021 7:46 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Darrell Clarke using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Darrell Clarke From: timbiley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Timothy Biley <timbiley@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Friday, December 31, 2021 12:00 AM

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**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Timothy Biley using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Timothy Biley **From:** seeingeyegods@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Su Liu

<seeingeyegods@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Friday, December 31, 2021 12:00 AM

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**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Su Liu using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Su Liu **From:** parkeraex@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alexandra Parker

<parkeraex@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Friday, December 31, 2021 3:58 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Alexandra Parker using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Alexandra Parker From: susan\_sheu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Sheu

<susan\_sheu@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Friday, December 31, 2021 7:53 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Susan Sheu using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Susan Sheu From: zasloff@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jonathan Zasloff@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Friday, December 31, 2021 9:22 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Jonathan Zasloff using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Jonathan Zasloff From: nicole\_m\_beaudoin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nicole Beaudoin

<nicole\_m\_beaudoin@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Friday, December 31, 2021 10:46 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Nicole Beaudoin using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Nicole Beaudoin From: Andrea Leon-Grossmann <

**Sent:** Friday, December 31, 2021 6:17 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Community Planning Voter Initiative - Support

# To whom it may concern:

I am writing to ask that SCAG <u>strongly support</u> the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

California has a severe housing affordability and many of the state legislative efforts are making affordability worse. The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would ensure that special interests and powerful lobbyists that have control over state legislators will not use both past and future legislation to work towards gentrifying and negatively impacting communities.

This important initiative would also prevent state legislators from using their power to undermine safety and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires.

For these reasons, please support the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Sincerely, Andrea Leon-Grossmann Los Ángeles Resident From: valeriejeannetteobrien@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Valerie O'Brien

<valeriejeannetteobrien@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Friday, December 31, 2021 8:09 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Valerie O'Brien using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Valerie O'Brien From: northendmatt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Matthew Dixon

<northendmatt@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 10:28 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Matthew Dixon using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Matthew Dixon From: cynthia@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cynthia Rose <cynthia@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 11:27 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Cynthia Rose using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Cynthia Rose From: lukehklipp@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Luke Klipp <lukehklipp@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 4:54 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Luke Klipp using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Luke Klipp From: ryan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ryan O'Connell <ryan@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 10:05 AM

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Personally sent by Ryan O'Connell using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Ryan O'Connell **From:** fxbhaley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Haley Feng <fxbhaley@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Haley Feng using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Haley Feng From: andymay@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andrew May <andymay@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Andrew May using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Andrew May From: Cindy Cremona <

**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 10:52 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group **Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices

Please vote yes to the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. It is imperative that cities regain local control.

Thank you,

Cindy Cremona Encinitas, CA From: Sent:

Monday, January 3, 2022 11:07 AM

To:

ePublic Comment Group

Cc:

geoff\_hueter; Danna Givot; Kathy Mcclelland; David Moty; Newell Booth; Gustav

Swanson

Subject:

Please Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

I'm active in the effort to revise San Diego's current ADU/"Granny Flat' ordinance, which is a giveaway to developers, with no benefits for our city's very-low and low-income renters, and only negative impacts on the neighborhoods directly impacted by these investor- and speculatorowned multi-unit ADUs.

My colleagues and I strongly support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

I think the strongest argument in favor of more local control of zoning is

that allowing developers to take advantage of increased density in single family communities without any affordability requirements, environmental review, or enforceable owner occupancy requirements has already caused displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities, exacerbated our affordable housing crisis and put more stress on local infrastructure without additional fees to offset those impacts.

Thanks much for lending your important support to the initiative.

Sincerely,

Paul Krueger

Neighbors For A Better San Diego

www.nfabsd.org

San Diego, CA. 92115

From: Karen Gilman < > > > Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 11:26 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support Our Neighborhood's Voices Initiative at SCAG meeting

Dear SCAG representatives,

I am writing to ask you, SCAG, to accept your staff's recommendation and vote YES to support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative!

This initiative is important because it values neighborhood and cities' own voices, wiser in data and experience about land use planning than Sacramento can be from a distance. We need to ensure that environmental reviews take place, land use planning includes requirements to go hand in hand with incentives (such as requiring affordable units when density is increased, and parking be sufficient to correspond to numbers of units), and that infrastructure supports are included wherever increased density is proposed.

Thank you,

Sincerely, Karen J. Gilman **From:** aatighehchi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of amir atighehchi

<aatighehchi@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by amir atighehchi using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, amir atighehchi

From: Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin <

**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 1:04 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** VOTE YES to support Community Planning Voter Initiative / Agenda item 2: SUPPORT

Dear members of SCAG,

I'm writing to urge you to follow the recommendation to SUPPORT the Community Planning Voter Initiative, (Agenda Item 2) on Thursday, January 6.

While it may be true that our state has an affordable housing crisis, it is also true that local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long-term housing goals. Each city and area in our vast state has different issues and terrain. What may work for one area may not work for another. In other words, Sacramento cannot outperform local government when it comes to best practices for land-use planning and zoning policies in our cities and counties across the state.

## In addition,

- Allowing developers to take advantage of increased density in single family communities
  without any affordability requirements, environmental review, or enforceable owner
  occupancy requirements will result in further displacement and gentrification in sensitive
  communities, exacerbate our affordable housing crisis and put more stress on local
  infrastructure without additional fees to offset those impacts.
- Communities of color and working class neighborhoods are already besieged by investors and institutions seeking more single family homes to buy, making the dream of homeownership even more difficult to attain for more Californians. SCAG's support for the ONV Initiative is a strong statement against "trickle-down" housing policies that accelerate the transformation of homeowners into renters and destabilize existing communities.
- Accelerating affordable housing production requires collaboration between all levels of
  government, the private sector, and community members each of these groups has an
  important role to play. Supporting the ONV Initiative will stop Sacramento from
  manipulating local land use policy, giving ineffective incentives to developers and blaming
  local governments for slow housing production without delivering the funding or effective
  policies required to get the affordable housing we need.
- A basic tenet of American democracy is our right to speak out about public policy measures that directly impact our citizens and communities, but Sacramento has instead prioritized the needs of developers to receive outsized benefits and incentives to build more market rate housing. That is fundamentally undemocratic, and the idea that we all have a right to speak out and be heard about what is happening in our own communities is the heart and soul of the ONV Initiative.

Sincerely,

Jeannine Wisnosky

PS: Although Regional Councilmember Alex Fisch (D 41) supports an aggressive upzoning housing policy, there are many people who disagree with him, myself included. Despite these disagreements, I believe that zoning policies should be locally-controlled.

From: rebecca.e.crane@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rebecca Crane

<rebecca.e.crane@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 1:20 PM

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Personally sent by Rebecca Crane using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Rebecca Crane From: Danna Givot <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 1:23 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please vote YES to support the OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES INITIATIVE

Sacramento and state government politicians are not qualified to make sound land use and zoning policies for local communities throughout the state, because each community has different needs, issues, problems and priorities. No one is better prepared to make those decisions for the local communities than the local agencies and the residents living there.

A basic tenet of American democracy is the right to speak out about policy measures that directly impact our citizens and communities. However, Sacramento has prioritized the desires of developers to receive outsized profits and incentives to build market-rate housing above the needs and wishes of the local communities. The Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative will remove the land use and zoning power from Sacramento and restore it to local communities, where the decisions can be made based on community priorities, rather than developers' wishes.

What the state needs far more than additional market-rate housing is more affordable housing. This requires collaboration between all levels of government, the private sector and community members. Supporting the ONV Initiative will stop Sacramento from manipulating local land use and zoning policies and perhaps inspire our elected state officials to focus instead on delivering the funding and effective policies needed to produce the affordable housing so sorely needed in California.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Danna Givot Neighbors for a Better San Diego From: Amy <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 1:31 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES INITIATIVE. VOTE YES, WITH US, PLEASE

"Please, please help the people, not the thrones and Crowns, but men", a line from a poem I read when I was young. It is still true.

The land grab by developers that have torn down Rent Controlled Vintage buildings to put up unaffordable luxury has not worked for anyone.

Most are half empty, and People are lying all over the street. People. This is dire.

, And with the true facts. More people are dying that are being born. Just read a whole essay on that. There is no demand for mass building. The Baby Boomer have come to age, and people are not having children,,,and can't afford the prices of homes, or apartments.

As sad state of affairs.

Sacramento, is in no position to control what is going on in Los Angeles, From what I hear from people in SF, Well, I think you know

city so why are they making decisions for all of Calif.

I belong to about 10 organizations, Resident and Home Owner. Imagine, taking away the most important investment of our lives. Our homes, our

refuge, and developers have put it out of the reach or most peoples, same with apartments. My area, they have torn down starter homes and put

up 3 to 4 million dollar homes, and have changed the astetics of the whole area, Taken our History, and the ability to live quietly...

I own Apartment buildings, and I don't treat my tenants like a "stream of income" W cannot treat our residents of LA, like a source of income either.

Please help, and vote YES, WITH "OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICE. All the organizations feel desperate against this takeover of our wonderful city,

Thanks for listening,

Amy Galaudet

On Board of Beverly Wilshire HoA

member, of Greater Fairfax Residents Assoc

member of The LA concervancy member of South Carthay

Charhay Square

Carthay Circle

Our neighborhood voice Miracle Mile resident assoc.

From: Lannon Tanchum <

**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 1:57 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please accept your staff recommendation and vote YES on the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

I hope you are getting inundated with similar comments so I'll keep it brief. America was built on personal responsibility, personal initiative and community ... local community! And caring for one another. We can, and do, do all of this. But we do it best when neither the States nor the Federal government assume they know better than the individual or their immediate community.

Quite simply, we want to determine our own future, our own housing needs, our own housing standards and also how to cater for those in need of housing. None of the efforts of governments from afar have resulted in any solutions to either the housing issues or pretty much any other problems such as drugs, crime etc. All is better left to local control.

So please support, endorse and vote YES on the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Thanx in anticipation

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From: hello@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Machiko Yasuda <hello@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Machiko Yasuda using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Machiko Yasuda From: efarrar@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Evan Farrar <efarrar@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely, Evan Farrar From: careyjeanbennett@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carey Bennett

<careyjeanbennett@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Carey Bennett using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Carey Bennett **From:** merrilyweiss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Merrily Weiss

<merrilyweiss@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Merrily Weiss using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Merrily Weiss From: mark.yetter1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Yetter < mark.yetter1

@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Mark Yetter using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Mark Yetter From: jgoldmanca@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joe Goldman

<jgoldmanca@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Joe Goldman using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Joe Goldman From: zrynew@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Zachary Rynew <zrynew@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Zachary Rynew using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Zachary Rynew From: Dez Mys < > > > > > Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 2:14 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please vote in support of your Staff's recommendation to support the Our Neighborhood Voices

Initiative

We are asking SCAGs to support the needs of local residents who have spent decades developing their communities and hangouts.

Densified cities are not less expensive, rather renters pay more than ever.

Please do not turn our state into Vancouver.

From: danwhite503@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Daniel White <danwhite503

@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Daniel White using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Daniel White From: prabhu.r.reddy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Prabhu Reddy

prabhu.r.reddy@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Prabhu Reddy using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Prabhu Reddy From: Jamie Wallace <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 2:48 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** VOTE YES to support Community Planning Voter Initiative/Agenda Item 2

Dear SCAG members,

I am writing to urge you to follow your own Staff recommendation and to SUPPORT the Community Planning Voter Initiative, (Agenda Item 2) on Thursday, January 6, 2022.

I am a member of the General Plan Advisory Committee in Culver City and have learned a lot of detail about the affordable housing crisis. Local communities, cities, are much better qualified to decide on land use and zoning. These should not be issues commandeered by Sacramento as a "one size fits all" law. Local governments know the specific needs and details of their own cities. Cities are usually in favor of following the best practices for land-use planning and zoning policies.

## In particular:

- There are no affordability requirements in the recent state bill. This allows developers to take advantage of the
  increased density allowance without having to establish environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy
  requirements. We've seen this before, the result: gentrification and displacement of lower income populations.
  This exacerbates the state affordable housing crisis and puts more stress on local infrastructure without a
  means for redress.
- Local communities are more qualified than Sacramento to make land use and zoning policies. Local city governments understand the nuance and detail of long term housing goals and needs.
- We need support for affordable housing production which requires collaboration among all levels of government, the private sector, and community members. Support the Community Planning Voter Initiative.
   Stop Sacramento from manipulating local land use policies. We need effective developer incentives and effective state, county, and city policies.
- Communities of color and working class neighborhoods are already prime targets for investors and institutions seeking single family homes to buy and keep as investment assets. "Trickle-down" housing policies have never worked, instead they transform homeowners into renters and destabilize existing communities.
- Don't prioritize the interests of developers to receive the benefits and incentives to build more profitable market rate housing. There is no shortage of market rate housing. Affordable housing is the problem that must be addressed and Sacramento isn't the place to do it.

I implore you think of the needs of your residents first. Vote YES to support the Community Planning Voter Initiative.

Sincerely, Jamie Wallace **From:** foresterster@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachel Forester

<foresterster@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Rachel Forester using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Rachel Forester From: kevin.fulton.04@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kevin Fulton < kevin.fulton.04

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 3:07 PM

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Personally sent by Kevin Fulton using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Kevin Fulton **From:** brycewynn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bryce Wynn

<brycewynn@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Bryce Wynn using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Bryce Wynn From: sherinbennett@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sherin Bennett

<sherinbennett@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Sherin Bennett using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Sherin Bennett From: marek.slipski@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marek Slipski

<marek.slipski@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Marek Slipski using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Marek Slipski From: arjunk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Arjun Kolachalam <arjunk@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Arjun Kolachalam using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Arjun Kolachalam From: andymay@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andy May <andymay@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Andy May using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Andy May From: roshanvyas@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Roshan Vyas

<roshanvyas@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Roshan Vyas using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Roshan Vyas From: jamesdschuyler@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Schuyler

<jamesdschuyler@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by James Schuyler using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, James Schuyler From: sherylthurstonrosenbaum@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sheryl Rosenbaum

<sherylthurstonrosenbaum@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Sheryl Rosenbaum using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Sheryl Rosenbaum From: terryluedecke@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Terry Luedecke

<terryluedecke@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Terry Luedecke using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Terry Luedecke From: Courtney Small < > Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 4:36 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Vote Yes to support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Dear Members of SCAG,

My name is Courtney Small. I live at

My neighborhood is an Historic Preservation Zone, known as Sunset Square.

I am writing to voice my support and to ask for your support for the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Please vote Yes to support this important initiative.

It is vitally important that local communities have the power to decide which land use and zoning policies are adopted to meet long term housing goals - NOT SACRAMENTO.

Thank you for your support.

Best, Courtney From: dejaybe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Barboza <dejaybe@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by David Barboza using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, David Barboza From: alecpm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alec Mitchell <alecpm@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Alec Mitchell using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Alec Mitchell From: John Fracisco <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 5:43 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices initiative

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policies help. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, the Wine Country
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  support for the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative is a strong statement against "trickle-down"
  housing that transforms homeowners into renters and destabilizes homeowner communities.
- We all have a role in increasing affordable housing production, by collaboration between all levels of government, the private sector and community members. Passing the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative will prevent the State from manipulating local land-use policy and handing out developer "incentives" that produce little affordable housing, then blaming local government for the crisis. Without delivering funding, or effective policies that produce affordable housing, California won't see an end to the housing crisis.
- A basic tenet of our democracy is our right to speak out about public policy that directly
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  more market-rate housing. This is fundamentally undemocratic. Being heard on the issues that
  face our communities is the heart of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

//John//

From: Terry Dipple < > > > Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 5:44 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support Our Neighborhood Voices

Honorable Regional Council Members:

I urge you to approve the SCAG staff recommendation in support of the Our Neighborhood Voices initiative that is circulating it's petition.

Terry Dipple

From: Maggie McCann < net>

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 5:46 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

To the Southern California Association of Governments:

I urge you to accept your excellent staff recommendation to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Allowing developers to take advantage of state density laws in single-family communities without requiring any affordable units, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy rules, will fuel displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities. Because most state laws don't make developers pay for infrastructure, the new density will drain communities of their civic strength.

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Sincerely,

Margaret B. McCann

From: Nancy Magi <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 5:48 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Local control

Any state-mandate directive further divides the citizens of California. We will lobby at the local level for responsible growth that addresses the concerns of all residents. Our City has demonstrated that it can listen to citizens, so we need to keep that option at the forefront. Do not force all cities to respond lockstep to State demands. I support the proposals made by "Livable California" and "Our Neighborhood Voices".

Nancy Magi Sent from my iPhone From: Stephanie Pfaff <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 5:52 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Dear Southern CA Association of Governments:

Please SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative for the following reasons:

- My local community is far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies are best for San Diego.
- Allowing developers to take advantage of state density laws in single-family communities
  without requiring any affordable units, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy
  rules, will fuel displacement and gentrification in currently affordable neighborhoods.
- Investors and institutions are buying more single-family homes (often for STRs), squeezing out homeownership across the state. SCAG's support for the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative is a strong statement against housing production that increases the percentage of renters and destabilizes homeowner communities.
- A basic tenet of our democracy is our right to speak out about public policy that directly
  impacts our citizens and communities. The State has instead prioritized the needs of
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  more market-rate housing. This is happening throughout San Diego making housing less and
  less affordable to San Diegans who provide critical services like education, health care, and
  public safety.

Sincerely-

Stephanie Pfaff

From: Fred < >

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 5:59 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group **Subject:** Neighborhood Voices Initiative

I recommend you strongly endorse your staff report regarding the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative in the effort to regain local control over residential housing zoning. There is too much centralization of government decision-making and bureaucracy already, not to mention the influence of major economic players in the real estate and allied industries. The new power grab by Sacramento fails to provide adequate infrastructure for the higher density housing that will surely follow in many communities--many of which are already saturated with traffic, pollution, and inadequate water and sewer lines.

Return power to local communities on this vital matter.

Frederick R. Lynch

From: Ree Whitford <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:00 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** accept the staff recommendation to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

# Greetings,

Please help stop the state takeover of local community zoning. Each community is different and should be controlled by local voices.

The new state laws were fashioned for the developers not people who need more housing.

These laws will simply increase density without any regard for the good of the neighborhoods, the infrastructure required and elimination of any trees that may help fight global warming.

Large corporate investors will push out homeowners and replace middle-class housing with luxury developments.

Locals should be able to control their own neighborhoods!

Thank you,

Ree

Ree Whitford Producer

http://www.reewhitford.com

From: Joann Gioia <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:00 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support

Hi:

Please support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. Land control should be under local government control. Local governments understand their communities' needs and infrastructure. Allowing developers to take advantage of state density laws in single-family communities without requiring any affordable units, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy rules, will fuel displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities. Because most state laws don't make developers pay for infrastructure, the new density will drain communities of their civic strength.

SB 9 and SB 10 should have been ballot measures. Californians should have been able to decide if they wanted to eliminate single family zoning. The reason state legislators did not put SB 9 and SB 10 on a ballot is because they knew these measures would have failed. SB 9 and SB 10 are widely unpopular. Please support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. Thank you.

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Best Regards, Joann Gioia From: Denny <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:03 PM

To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Housing and zoning

The point: LOCAL COMMUNITIES ARE IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION TO DECIDE WHAT IS BEST FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES, THAN SACRAMENTO. Leave the zoning up to the communities. Denise K. Newcomer

**From:** michael.p.sweeney@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Sweeney

<michael.p.sweeney@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:09 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

## Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws and which would eviscerate ongoing efforts to correct the long history of exclusionary land-use restrictions and the structural racism latent in our built environment. This is nothing more than a crass, classist sham-initiative that seeks to allow small, rich cities and intransigent NIMBY's to continue their dream-hording and exclusion of the majority of California.

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Personally sent by Michael P. Sweeney, AIA using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Michael Sweeney From: Sherrie Mancera <

**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 6:12 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Ballot Initiative

I am writing to ask that SCAG officially support the Our Neighborhood Voices (ONV) ballot initiative.

Local zoning authority must be restored. SB 9 is the most egregious example of misguided state legislative attempts to address housing concerns in California and must be curtailed. The ONV initiative is critical to restoring sanity to residential planning across the state.

Only local residents, be they homeowners or renters, and their representative city governments have the requisite knowledge to know specifically where increased development should be approved. The haphazard approach to increased residential density enabled by SB 9 and similar state measures will overburden existing infrastructures and unfairly benefits developers who can "build and run," without providing the funding required for enhancements.

Please send a strong message and endorse the ONV initiative.

Thank you, Sherrie Mancera From: Gavin Scott <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:13 PM

To: ePublic Comment Group
Cc: nicolajbs@gmail.com

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices Initiativ

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Gavin and Nicola Scott

From:

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:13 PM

To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Our Neighborhood voices

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So many plans to improve California's housing shortages are nothing but a smokescreen for developer giveaways.

Allowing developers to take advantage of state density laws in single-family communities without requiring any affordable units, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy rules, will fuel displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities.

The one-size-fits-all-communities approach is blind, if not willfully harmful.

Respectfully, Suellen Mayfield From: Ed Turner <

**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 6:21 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

You need to support this initiative. We need local control of housing issues. This top-down central planning doesn't work. It failed for the Soviet Union and it will fail for California. But not before politicians and bureaucrats have done tremendous damage to the once-great State.

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: Liz Amsden <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:22 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group; ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative, NOT corporate greed

#### To whom it may concern:

I have lived in northeastern Los Angeles for the past 30+ years and am in complete support of Bill Brand, one of the authors of the proposed initiative, when he says: "The one-size-fits-all approach coming from Sacramento will be disastrous for our State. Not only does it ignore the specific needs, challenges and diversity of the 58 counties and 482 cities in California, it ends single-family zoning in the entire state in one fell swoop. We must do what's best for California, not what's most profitable for developers."

Turning local planning decisions over to developers does not mean new affordable housing, it means more profit for developers.

Los Angeles already has a glut on the housing market but it is not what people who need housing can afford (over 80,000 empty units vs somewhere around 45,000 homeless). Why build more unaffordable housing?

Why subsidize the construction of units those in need cannot afford?

Because Scott Weiner's election campaigns are funded by developers?

Because Toni Atkins' wife is a consultant for real estate developers?

#### Really?

California is an incredibly diverse state and different areas face different challenges relating to history, culture, topography and infrastructure.

It is absolutely ludicrous for a handful of people in Sacramento whose ears are constantly being twisted by real estate interests to believe they can prescribe zoning and land-use solutions for every community in the State.

We who live in our towns and cities and understand our needs are FAR MORE QUALIFIED Allowing developer interests to leverage the tragedy of homelessness around California for their own profit is despicable.

And allowing real estate investors and the Wall-Street profiteers to take advantage of this circus claiming to be a bill to house those who cannot afford homes not only further exacerbates the situation but rips apart communities that have lived in neighborhoods for generations.

#### Sick.

Please, PLEASE support this initiative to prioritize the needs and wishes of ALL Californians, not just the profiteering real estate cabal and their bought politicians.

#### Liz Amsden

From: Carolyn Bosil <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:29 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please STOP ■ REZONING & support our neighborhoods

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It's always amazing how state officials and local officials just plow ahead and make decisions without asking residence of the state to vote on what they feel is right for them.

We know you can support us and that's what we're asking. It affects our lives, not the lives of state and local officials who have the time don't even live in the areas to be changed.

WE DEPEND ON YOU PLEASE TO MAKE ALL THIS A BALLOT ISSUE WITHOUT WRITING IT IN SUCH A DEVIOUS WAY THAT THE AVERAGE VOTER WILL THINK THEY ARE GOING TO BENEFIT. I know you know what I mean. Ballot issues are written so that if you vote no you're really voting yes and if you vote yes you're really voting no.

And you all know exactly what we mean as a community and resident of California.

From: Steve < > > Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:44 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support Livable California

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- A basic tenet of our democracy is our right to speak out about public policy that directly impacts our citizens and communities. The State has instead prioritized the needs of developers, investors and financiers, providing them outsized benefits to produce more and more market-rate housing. This is fundamentally undemocratic. Being heard on the issues that face our communities is the heart of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Thank you, Steven Golden From: nzernitskaya@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Natalya Zernitskaya

<nzernitskaya@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:46 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

California faces a severe housing shortage. SCAG has been active in raising awareness about how local barriers to housing production are related to the housing and homelessness crisis. The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would prevent the state from using both \*past\* and \*future\* legislation to work towards housing solutions. Importantly, this initiative would also rollback important pieces of legislation such as SB 330, which contains demolition protections for renters, and put SCAG residents at risk of displacement.

This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Natalya Zernitskaya using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Natalya Zernitskaya From: David Moty < Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:54 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Please support the ability of local governments to handle local issues. State control of zoning and land use essentially drops these issues into a black box into which the people can never look.

In California, press coverage of state level issues is minimal. On top of that, Sacramento is one of the least accessible levels of government that is most susceptible to special interest control. We have seen that throughout our state's history (1910s/Southern Pacific Railroad), and we definitely have seen these results in recent years.

In the interests of your constituents and your own local prerogatives, please support the initiative.

The people need a champion. It needs to be you.

With regards, David Moty

From: John H. Welborne <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 6:55 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support Neighborhoods Initiative

### SCAG-Folk:

I am a 40-year Los Angeles real estate and land use lawyer. I also am (for six years) the publisher of a 60-year-old local newspaper (<a href="https://www.larchmontchronicle.com">www.larchmontchronicle.com</a>).

I strongly agree with those who say that SCAG's <u>support</u> for the <u>Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative</u> will be a strong statement against "trickle-down" housing that transforms homeowners into renters and destabilizes homeowner communities, not to overlook undercutting local democracy (for the benefit of real estate builders and investors).

Because a basic tenet of our democracy is our right to speak out about public policy that directly impacts us citizens and communities, this Neighborhood Voices Initiative should get on the ballot with wide public support (and the insidious counter-initiative 21-0032A1 of attorney Stanley Apps should be opposed).

Thank you.

John H. Welborne

From: Sarah Olson <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 7:12 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Important

## Dear SCAG,

I am in support of what the Southern California Assn of Governments has started, the "Our Neighborhood Voice Initiative" for placement on the November 22 ballot. I am for this initiative to better address local say in what is built in towns throughout California.

Local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in Santa Cruz, L.A., Riverside, the Wine Country, or San Diego. It's not wise for the State to believe it can outperform local government on land-use planning and zoning. Thank you.

Sarah Olson

From: Annspun < > > Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 7:05 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please take a moment to read, in support of Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

# Dear SCAG members,

Thanks for your time given to the many and ever-changing issues in our cities. In working together, you see each city has different issues, but still, all may face some of the same challenges. I am so glad you make the time to get together to discuss.

I am writing IN FAVOR, of you encouraging your staff's recommendation and vote to support <u>OUR NEIGHBORHOOD</u> VOICES initiative.

Often, the Sacramento political structure gets lost in their own ivory tower of what is and what isn't the "best for the rest" of us.

I wonder how many groups of residents were interviewed in each city to get their feedback. While the Senate and Assembly suffer from an inordinate amount of bills to pass, more time is needed for the ones who have the most negative impact on its population.

I take pride in Santa Monica's history of inclusionary housing, which it has been doing on its own, for a long time.

Zoning is best left to each city, it has both staff and residents' inputs, which to me spells "democracy".

The outsized side effects of increased density in our small city of 2/3 renters and 1/3 single family homes are a detriment to our quality of life and infrastructure in Santa Monica.

Please, please, look at the tipping points of each city. I think many of us are, or will, reach them with our dwindling resources to service **them**.

We are all volunteers who support this initiative, the opposition has paid staff and finances to fight this ("follow the money").

# Thank you for reading,

Ann Greenspun
Past SM Chamber Chair
Past Education Foundation Board member
Past City Commissioner for Downtown Santa Monica
Past Red Cross Board President, Santa Monica, and Blood
Services, Western Region
Rotarian
Board Member for North of Montana Association, Santa Monic

Board Member for North of Montana Association, Santa Monica Member of United Neighbors and Livable California From: Joan Davidson <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 7:16 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative!

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am requesting that SCAG please support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative for the November 2022 ballot.

Local governments/cities have always overseen local zoning.

While SB 9 has taken that right from every CA city, at least half of the 482 cities have formally written to Sacramento opposing the law and the concept.

The new law allows developers and big corporate interests to create high-density where single family communities exist today.

SB 9 also voids any rights of cities and/or individuals to protest using CEQA as part of the review process.

There is no review process. This rips the rights of cities and simple folks to protect their health and welfare.

There is also no affordable housing requirements or allowances in SB 9.

The state needs an affordable housing solution but SB 9 is simply not the answer.

And simply put, local cities cannot afford the infrastructure for the high density housing that SB 9 has now required.

Sacramento has put the interests of developers before the interests of communities and voters. We have an unacceptable situation and we need SCAG to help the state get back on the right course.

That course is to set the interests of the people before that of companies.

Thank you Joan Davidson

Former President Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School Board

From: Alex Zukas < > > > Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 7:17 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Dear Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

I am writing to ask you to accept your staff's recommendation to support the Our Neighborhood Voices (ONV) Initiative.

Here are my reasons asking for your support of the ONV Initiative:

Local communities are far more qualified than politicians and staff in Sacramento to decide which land-use and zoning policies help create affordable housing. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, or San Diego. It's ludicrous for the State to believe it can outperform local government on land-use planning and zoning.

Allowing developers to take advantage of state density laws in single-family communities without requiring any affordable units, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy rules, will fuel displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities. Because most state laws don't make developers pay for infrastructure, the new density will drain communities of their civic strength and livability. Building housing without having developers pay for infrastructure is a recipe for disaster.

Communities of color and working-class neighborhoods are besieged by investors and institutions seeking more single-family homes to buy, squeezing out homeownership. SCAG's support for the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative is a strong statement against "trickle-down" housing that transforms homeowners into renters and destabilizes homeowner communities. I get phone calls and mailers once a week asking me if I want to sell my home.

Everyone has a role in increasing affordable housing production. Passing the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative will prevent the State from manipulating local land-use policy and handing out developer "incentives" that produce little affordable housing, then blaming local government for the crisis. Without delivering funding, or effective policies that produce affordable housing, California won't see an end to its housing crisis.

The State of California has prioritized the needs of developers, investors, and financiers, providing them outsized benefits to produce more and more market-rate housing, over that of homeowners and potential homeowners. That needs to stop and your organization can help by supporting the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Best regards,

Alex Zukas

From: Zelinda Welch <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 7:31 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Dear SCAG-

Please support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Our middle class neighborhood has worked hard to build a community and our community is qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, the Wine Country or San Diego.

Developers and realtors will take advantage of state density laws in single-family communities without requiring any affordable units, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy rules, will fuel displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities. Also because most state laws don't make developers pay for infrastructure, the new density will drain communities of their civic strength.

Finally a basic tenet of our democracy is our right to speak out about public policy that directly impacts our citizens and communities. The State has instead prioritized the needs of developers, investors and financiers, providing them outsized benefits to produce more and more market-rate housing. This is fundamentally undemocratic. Being heard on the issues that face our communities is the heart of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Please support our neighborhood and our hard working community.

Best Regards,

Zelinda Welch

From: Gayl Murphy <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 7:32 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

The State of Californina Desperately Needs The "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative!!

At the heart of our democracy is our right to speak out and be heard about public policy that directly impacts us and the needs of our families, neighbors, our neighborhoods ...our way of life.

It's apparent that the state of CA has instead prioritized the needs of their buddy-buddy developers, investors and financiers, providing them outsized benefits to produce more and more market-rate housing.

This is fundamentally undemocratic in so many, many ways that it's shameful. California voices being heard on the issues that directly impact our communities is the heart of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. WE NEED IT!

Thank you,	
Gayl Murphy,	

From: ALICE POLESKY <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 7:36 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please Follow Your Staff's Recommendations!

California belongs to its residents and its wildlife. Not to developers, who look at our beautiful state and can only see dollar signs. And these developers don't even pay for infrastructure to support the high density, and non-affordable (and often ugly) buildings they violate our communities with. Don't allow these vampires to feed on our state, displace and gentrify our cities.

Last I knew, California was still committed to democracy. When it comes to development, that's no longer true. It's we, the citizens of the state, at our local levels of government, who must decide how are communities are built and who can afford to live there. Not the developers.

Cordially, Alice Polesky From: Penny Johnson <

**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 7:37 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** SB 9 SB 10

#### Sent from my iPad

Please listen to our voices that are concerned and afraid of what is going to happen to communities and neighborhoods should greedy developers be granted the right to build for the rich at the expense of the middle /working class. My only child has been forced to move out of state because he cannot afford a moderate house or rent an apartment .....all due to what is happening because of out of reach homes and apartments/ condos and townhomes that developers have caused.

I will now spend my last years (78 years old and divorced) by myself without his love and emotional support nearby. Please support the cause of Livable California and others who are being forced out of their neighborhoods and away from their families.

Thank you! Millicent Johnson From: Bill Netro < > > Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 7:45 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Please accept your staff recommendation to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. We thank United Neighbors and the authors of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative for their efforts. The following points are valid and need to be considered:

- Local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, the Wine Country or San Diego. It's ludicrous for the State to believe it can outperform local government on land-use planning and zoning.
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Kind Regards, William Netro From: Your Friend < > > > > Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 7:49 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please agree to our recommended initiatives to give our citizens ability to vote on these issues

#### Dear SCAG,

Please agree to accept its excellent staff recommendation to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. **Below are key points to put in your own words when you email SCAG at the above email.** We thank United Neighbors and the authors of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative for their efforts. Key points:

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From: Linda Riebel <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 7:59 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** You can make a difference! Please read.

#### To the SCAG officials:

Up here in the Bay Area, we're working hard to stop these ridiculous give-aways to developers. Sacramento does NOT have enough information to dictate good land use decisions all over the state.

We are also supporting the **Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative**, which will return power to local cities and counties.

Please lead the way in doing the right thing on land use!! You'll be glad you did.

Linda Riebel, Lafayette

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## Linda Riebel, Ph.D.

President, Saybrook Chapter, American Association of University Professors Faculty, Saybrook University (1993-2020)

Past President and Current Board, Friends of Opera San Jose Board, SaveNature.Org

Board, Sustainable Lafayette (2008-2014)

Wildlife Educator, Lindsay Wildlife Experience

From:
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 8:01 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Accept your staff recommendation to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Dear SCAG members,

We urge you to accept your staff recommendation to SUPPORT the "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative" to bring power back to cities and local jurisdictions.

Thank you,
The O'Connell Family

From:

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 8:11 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Dear Southern California Association of Governments:

As very concerned California residents, homeowners, business owners, taxpayers and voter, we appreciate your considering our comments.

We strongly feel that local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, the Wine Country or San Diego. It's ludicrous for the State to believe it can outperform local government on land-use planning and zoning.

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We strongly support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative!

Sincerely,

Martha Oaklander Dr. Mha Atma S Khalsa From: Melissa <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 8:14 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support resolution to oppose SB9 and support Our Neighborhood Voices

Hello

- Please oppose SB9 and support local cities decisions to combat it, and support Our Neighborhood Voices. A basic tenet of our democracy is our right to speak out about public policy that directly impacts our citizens and communities. The State has instead prioritized the needs of developers, investors and financiers, providing them outsized benefits to produce more and more market-rate housing. This is fundamentally undemocratic. Being heard on the issues that face our communities is the heart of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.
- Thank you.

M. Michelson

Sent from my iPhone

From: DAVID < > > > > > Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 8:29 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support the Our Neighborhood Voices initiative

It is terrifying to see Sacramento wanting to cram housing down our throats in high wildfire areas and with no concern for civic infrastructure.

Please support this iniative.

David Madison

From: Mark Martin <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 8:32 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support the Our Neighborhood Voices initiative.

Please support the Our Neighborhood Voices initiative.

SB9 is a real estate developers dream.

It will result in high profit margin construction, without the developers having to worry about paying for pesky infrastructure (water, sewer, power, parking, emergency vehicle access..).

My family includes "radical Berkeley" urban planning backgrounds - they are outraged at the obvious "screw urban planning, just let the builders build".

Well planned, well designed high density affordable housing is possible. SB9 will be a disaster, measured with any metric other than short term developer profits.

-Mark M.,

From: Diane Trout <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 8:35 PM

To: ePublic Comment Group

Subject: Please build more housing

Hello,

I oppose the "Our Neighborhood Voices" initiative and support the original SB50 and the final variants that passed like the current SB9 & 10.

Angry old homeowners have been maintaining racist exclusionary zoning laws to keep people they think are undeserving out of their neighborhoods and making hundreds of thousands of dollars for doing absolutely nothing but having bought property a long time ago.

The whole reason the state needed to get involved was cities have been blocking needed housing for decades. The state is short by millions of homes, but because city councils only respond to current voters and not potential future voters there has been a persistent bias blocking building housing that would allow people to move into new neighborhoods. This is absolutely a situation where the state needed to step in and override an unstable situation driven by selfishness.

We desperately need to build additional housing at many price points. I have had so many friends have to leave California because they couldn't afford to live here because of the absurdly unaffordable housing costs.

There are significant links between high rent and high homelessness.

The most direct route to reducing the numbers of people driven into homelessness is to build more homes, duplexes, bungalow courts and apartments to increase supply and at least slow the increase in rent.

We also need to be much better at building homes in more urban areas.

Global warming is continuing to worsen and we will not be able to protect homes out in wilderness areas from fire or homes along the coasts from rising sea levels. So the amount of habitable land will be continually shrinking. Using land more efficiently by increasing density

Next California's greatest contribution to global warming is from transportation. About 28% of our emissions is directly from private vehicles and overall the sector is about 40% of our emissions. The easiest way to make walking, bicycling or transit appealing is to shorten commutes by allowing people to live near where they work.

Not only does Japan have 3 times the population have California on slightly less land area showing we could house far more people than the present. They are also showing the economic problems that stem from a shrinking population.

Here in California if we do not build more housing our population will continue to shrink as younger people are forced to move elsewhere or give up on the idea of families. Pasadena's school district is shrinking as the birth rates are falling and families are forced to move elsewhere. They also have trouble hiring teachers because teacher salaries are too low to pay for housing costs here in Pasadena.

Please give up on this idea.

The thing that makes cities unpleasant are cars not people. To make Southern California a more pleasant place to live put your effort into getting people to drive less.

 From: mcns.777@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mariana Mellor <mcns.777

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 8:35 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Mariana Mellor using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Mariana Mellor From: Peggy Ebright <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 8:46 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** SB 9

In my long life I never thought the State would take over as much of local life as it has. How ever did this happen? Did we vote for this? That developers could change our local laws at will? Yes, people need housing. But is it possible that certain areas have simply run out

of space for ever more humanity? Do we keep building until we have destroyed? But back to the subject...in <u>every</u> area, local control is better.

From: Sandy <s > Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 9:11 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group **Subject:** Neighborhood voices

Please support the initiative. We low and middle class folk need affordable housing. Defeat the developers - No on SB 9 and 10.

Thank you

Sandy

From: Roy Greenberg <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 9:23 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Urging Strong Support of Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Dear Sir/Madam.

Please accept the recommendation to Strongly Support "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative".

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I hope that you take this into strong consideration and strongly oppose SB9.

Thanks,
Roy Greenberg
Resident and Property Owner

From: Stan Hollingworth <

**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 9:41 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group **Subject:** Neighborhood Voices Initiative

January 3, 2022

Dear SCAG members,

I urge SCAG to accept its staff recommendation to support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Local communities are far more qualified than the state to decide which land-use and zoning policies are beneficial for their communities.

Sincerely,

Stan Hollingworth

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: Meghan Sahli-Wells <

**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 9:46 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group **Cc:** Kome Ajise; Javiera Cartagena

**Subject:** \* resending with correction\* please disregard previous version — Re: Comment for 1/6/22 RC

meeting agenda item 2

#### \*Please use this corrected version - thank you!\*

Dear Members of the Regional Council and former colleagues,

Happy New Year.

As a former RC, EEC & LCMC member, I write to ask you to please vote **no** on item 2, the "Community Planning Voter Initiative." This Constitutional Amendment will have dangerous consequences -intended *and* unintended- that will harm Californians and further worsen our housing and climate crisis. It's regressive and it's wrong.

Kind regards, Meghan Sahli-Wells (Former Mayor of Culver City) From: Dan McDonald <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 9:48 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Public Comment re 01.05.2022 Agenda Item 2: "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Hi there,

I'm a homeowner and taxpayer in Orange County and wanted to express my desire that SCAG do vote to support the Community Planning Voter Initiative.

There are many reasons why this initiative should be supported, but here's just a few:

- -It should be clear to anyone in Sacramento, but somehow isn't, that the persons who best know how to determine land use and zoning issues are those persons who actually live in those communities. Not everyone wants to live in San Francisco.
- -If there were a luxury housing crisis, then I suppose I can see how giving a blank check to developers sans any affordable housing requirements, fire or environmental review, or owner-occupant rules would make sense. Last time I checked, though, there was no luxury housing crisis.
- -What developers need are lots of tracts at a price that makes sense to flip to dense luxury housing. Even a little thought given over to which communities would be worst affected by Sacramento's support for developers leads to the obvious conclusion that working-class communities and communities of color will bear the brunt of this. It's almost as if Sacramento wants this result.
- -As above, Sacramento's invasion of the local land-use space does precisely nothing for affordable housing. Instead, it gives developers free reign while at the same time providing no funding for affordable housing. You can't blame local government for a problem Sacramento won't allow them to fix.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this.

Dan McDonald

Resident

From: Nancy Barba <

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 9:55 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Action item 2: Community Planning Voter Initiative

### Dear members of the Regional Council:

I am writing to ask that SCAG *oppose* the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

This regressive initiative must be opposed as it risks progress that some cities are making on accommodating the housing that is so desperately needed. It will worsen the housing shortage, fuel the climate crisis and move our region backwards in our efforts to develop liveable communities.

Exclusionary zoning is largely responsible for wealth inequality, homelessness, climate change, and institutionalized racism. Land use policies have forced people to endure long commutes and manipulated housing markets to further the interest of wealthy predominantly white homeowners while leaving everyone else behind.

Please oppose the Community Planning Voter Initiative.

Nancy Barba Culver City Resident and Culver City Planning Commissioner From: eliasbermeo97@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elias Platte Bermeo <eliasbermeo97

@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 10:20 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

#### Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I'm a resident of Culver City, a renter, and part of the generation that will inherit the results of today's housing and climate policies. As such, I urge SCAG to oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

California faces a severe housing shortage. SCAG has been active in raising awareness about how local barriers to housing production are related to the housing and homelessness crisis. The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would prevent the state from using both \*past\* and \*future\* legislation to work towards housing solutions. Importantly, this initiative would also rollback important pieces of legislation such as SB 330, which contains demolition protections for renters, and put SCAG residents at risk of displacement.

This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Sincerely, Elias Platte Bermeo From: JOHN BRIGGS <

**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 10:45 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Accept staff recommendation to support "Our Neighborhood Voices" initiative.

Please accept your staff recommendation to support "Our Neighborhood Voices" initiative which will stop Sacramento from taking away local control of how people want to live. I follow real-estate transactions in East Oakland. This is an area of primarily black and brown residents. Bills like SB 9 are nothing but a gift to developers and institutions with deep pockets allowing them to buy homes that are now affordable to low income families which would allow them to get a start on generational wealth accumulation. These laws will encourage developers to turn these homes into market rate homes that will keep people of color from owning. It is a gift to developers who will build market rate homes.

Thank you,

From: Paul Melmed < >

**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 11:04 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

I Urge SCAG to agree to accept its excellent staff recommendation to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Paul J. Melmed, Ph.D., President Springhill Valley HOA

From: Cassandra Sanchez <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 1:07 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group **Subject:** Neighborhood Initiatiave

I am In support of "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative" Program! And I strongly urge all officials to do the same. You were once on the Other side of the fence.. Please act accordingly. Blessings ...

From: Dr Suzanne De Benedittis <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 1:23 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** YES on Agenda Item 2! - Climate disruption, equity & affordability call on SCAG's common sense to

support "Our Neighborhood Voices" local planning initiative

Re: YES on Agenda Item 2! Climate disruption, equity & affordability dictate common sense, asking SCAG's support of "Our Neighborhood Voices" local planning initiative

To: Southern California Council of Governments

Honorable Members:

Thank you for your dedication to promoting the best interests of our region that will benefit our biosphere also.

As a social ethicist focused on the effects of climate change for the past 50 years, it is imperative for the well-being of all to offset the devastating, irreversible climate impacts that SB 9 & 10 will inadvertently bring about.

Notice that since Katrina in 2005, devastating superstorms are becoming the norm. In California, wildfires season is now yearlong, with 8614 fires just this past year. Our glaciers are rapidly melting - not regenerating. Tornadoes growing in number & their intensity are whiplashing widening areas. Unchecked it can quickly become exponential, like slow-starting cancer....

Strides made in green buildings are necessary, but not sufficient to stem the escalating devastation. Given that construction accounts for 40% of our greenhouse gases, we cannot afford to heedlessly build. Bypassing CEQA for more housing is a kiss of death for irreversible devastation.

Instead, let's address our housing needs in eco-efficient ways. Norway is becoming an exemplar, so too are dedicated urban planners, architects, and designers. See Sierra magazine 2021 Winter issue. https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2021-6-winter/feature/build-or-not-build

Note also Harvard's Graduate School of Design and Urban Planning's Spring course calling for a Moratorium on New Construction that I believe echoes what many of our city planners are calling for but will have no say until we reclaim the democratic process and restore local planning to our local communities.

We need your leadership now, lest like a slice of lemmings, we rush over the cliff of inevitable climate devastation as there is no "deus ex machina" to pop out at the end of the day and save us, our planet, this, our common home.

I pray for you and your loved ones' sake and for all who will follow us that you exercise the leadership that makes common sense prevail, so that together we can more quickly find sensible solutions to house our marginal & unhoused brothers & sisters, even as we provide housing for those more comfortably situated.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr Suzanne De Benedittis, PhD (USC 1972, Social ethics & social analysis)

From: colleenkelleyobrien@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Colleen OBrien

<colleenkelleyobrien@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 1:44 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

California faces a severe housing shortage. SCAG has been active in raising awareness about how local barriers to housing production are related to the housing and homelessness crisis. The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would prevent the state from using both \*past\* and \*future\* legislation to work towards housing solutions. Importantly, this initiative would also rollback important pieces of legislation such as SB 330, which contains demolition protections for renters, and put SCAG residents at risk of displacement.

This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Colleen OBrien using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Colleen OBrien From: Jill Bittner < > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:55 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Back the "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative" Aimed at the 2022 Ballot

SCAG, **SUPPORT** the "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative."

- \* Local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, the Wine Country or San Diego. It's ludicrous for the State to believe it can out-perform local government on land-use planning and zoning.
- \* Allowing developers to take advantage of state density laws in single-family communities without requiring any affordable units, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy rules, will fuel displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities. Because most state laws don't make developers pay for infrastructure, the new density will drain communities of their civic strength.
- \* Communities of color and working-class neighborhoods are besieged by investors and institutions seeking more single-family homes to buy, squeezing out home ownership. SCAG's support for the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative is a strong statement against "trickle-down" housing that transforms homeowners into renters and destabilizes homeowner communities.
- \* We all have a role in increasing affordable housing production, by collaboration between all levels of government, the private sector and community members. Passing the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative will prevent the State from manipulating local land-use policy and handing out developer "incentives" that produce little affordable housing, then blaming local government for the crisis. Without delivering funding, or effective policies that produce affordable housing, California won't see an end to the housing crisis.
- \* A basic tenet of our democracy is our right to speak out about public policy that directly impacts our citizens and communities. The State has instead prioritized the needs of developers, investors and financiers, providing them outsized benefits to produce more and more market-rate housing. This is fundamentally undemocratic. Being heard on the issues that face our communities is the heart of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

From: Sue Higgins <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 7:03 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Housing

We all have a role in increasing affordable housing production, by collaboration between all levels of government, the private sector and community members. Passing the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative will prevent the State from manipulating local land-use policy and handing out developer "incentives" that produce little affordable housing, then blaming local government for the crisis. Without delivering funding, or effective policies that produce affordable housing, California won't see an end to the housing crisis.

Sincerely Sue Higgins Oakley

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From: Barbara Broide <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 7:28 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support the OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES INITIATIVE. SCAG's support is important to help

preserve local government authority!

As an elected member of my local Neighborhood Council and an active volunteer with additional community organizations, I am well aware of the challenges our local communities and state face when it comes to addressing the affordable housing crisis and issues related to homelessness. I am also painfully aware of the recent actions by Sacramento lawmakers to address these challenges with ill-conceived "one size fits all" land use policies that pretend to address these challenges with policies that in many instances will degrade the quality of life in our neighborhoods and cities and fail to address (and may even exacerbate) the very problems that they were meant to tackle.

I urge SCAG to formally accept the SCAG staff recommendation to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative which will help to return land-use and zoning decision-making to local municipalities. The State has established very ambitious housing goals for local governments to meet under its RHNA process while also passing countless bills that micromanage the planning process. In Los Angeles alone, we have seen State laws undermine the affordability requirements adopted by LA City to encourage the provision of low-income housing units in Transit Oriented Community (TOC) projects. Why should a developer build units under the TOC program where units must be dedicated for decades to providing low-income housing units when they can now simply purchase an R1 lot and build multiple housing units without providing ONE affordable housing unit?

We know that local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies are needed to encourage the construction of needed housing. It is ludicrous and simply BAD planning to believe that what might work for a small town in Northern California is the same policy that should be adopted in Los Angeles or San Francisco. And yet, this is what Sacramento has done over and over again. By placing teeth and sanctions against local governments for failing to comply with RHNA and meet its overly ambitious goals, the State has all the leverage it needs over local governments. State lawmakers should stop micro-managing land use from afar pretending to understand what will work in each area of the state and leave the task to local entities far better able to make the types of decisions needed to meet those goals.

The fact that State legislators have so willingly allowed developers to increase density without any responsibility for providing any affordable units, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy rules, will serve to fuel displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities. And, because most state laws do not contain provisions that make developers pay for the infrastructure needed to service their developments, the new density will drain communities of their civic strength. It should be noted that at the very same time, Sacramento has failed to adopt legislation that would provide direct incentives for the construction of affordable and workforce housing (as was seen in the failed Portantino measure that would have incentivized housing construction on fallow retail sites).

The type of housing legislation being passed in Sacramento has a corrosive impact on our faith in government and only serves to further undermine confidence in the credibility of government. The over-reach of Sacramento legislators under the guise of addressing affordability and homelessness makes a mockery of our democratic processes because it is clear to many that the Sacramento actions are gifts to developers whose political support is being sought and bought.

The countless articles in real estate publications that document the BILLIONS of dollars being invested by institutional investors to purchase single family homes will make it harder for individuals and families in California to attain homeownership. Communities of color and working-class neighborhoods are besieged by investors and institutions seeking more single-family homes to buy, squeezing out homeownership. SCAG's support for the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative would be a strong statement against "trickle-down" housing that transforms homeowners into renters and destabilizes homeowner communities. Policies that undermine the ability of families and individuals to buy a home and establish generational wealth through home ownership are dangerous. Individuals and families cannot compete against the huge institutional buyers. Do we want to see a new generation of landless tenants who must meet the rent increases of their Wall Street landlords who seek to generate profits for their investors? By adopting policies that make it more difficult to enter the housing market, are we not creating the next wave of homelessness as tenants become unable to meet the rent increases demanded by Wall Street revenue-generating expectations?

It has been well documented that the production of true low-income housing on any scale will require a collaborative effort between all levels of government, the private sector and community members. Low-income housing must have help with financing from government coupled with local land use incentives. Passing the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative will prevent the State from manipulating local land-use policy and handing out developer "incentives" that produce little affordable housing, then blaming local government for the crisis. Without delivering funding, or effective policies that produce affordable housing, California will not see an end to the housing crisis.

Sacramento's continuing efforts to pass "by right" development policies that remove the opportunity of local governments or their constituents to have a voice in shaping how development is done in the local communities has served to alienate local residents who provide the very resources for the State to govern. Sacramento must respect our right to speak out about public policy that directly impacts our citizens and communities. The State has instead prioritized the needs of developers, investors and financiers, providing them outsized benefits to produce more and more market-rate and luxury housing. This is fundamentally undemocratic. Being heard on the issues that face our communities is the heart of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. Community input is a critical part of seeing that better projects are built. We have seen time and time again that our input has resulted in more successful projects -- sensitive to their neighbors and better suited to meet the needs of their residents ... and the communities in which they are built. Allowing developers to enter a community with poorly conceived projects simply degrades the quality of life of all and should not be incentivized. Providing communities with the opportunity to have input creates better projects.

It is my sincere hope that SCAG will act to support the OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES INITIAITIVE. As our regional planning body, SCAG no doubt understands the important role of local governments in shaping their local environments and in understanding the unique characteristics that create community. The OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES INITIATIVE will make it possible for local

governments to fight back against ill-conceived one-size-fits-all legislation so damaging to our communities and our democratic process.

Thank you for your consideration,

Barbara Broide

(President - Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. HOA)

From: michmobile2011@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michelle Weiner <michmobile2011

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 7:44 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

## Dear SCAG.

I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

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This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Michelle Weiner using Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Michelle Weiner From: Leah Pressman <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 7:45 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** In opposition to Item 2, the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

I am a Culver City resident and homeowner and a delegate to the California State Democratic Party.

I write to urge you to vote NO on Item 2, the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

This constitutional amendment will worsen our climate crisis. It will harm Californians. It will have dangerous consequences both intended and unintended.

I urge you VOTE NO on this regressive initiative.

Sincerely yours,

Leah Pressman, PhD. CADEM Delegate AD54

From: leahpressman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leah Pressman

<leahpressman@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 7:54 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Leah Pressman using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Leah Pressman From: Patty Kirby <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 8:07 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Stop SB9 in Southern CA vote NO

Please support the effort to stop SB9 in Los Angeles. Local communities should have the right to decide which land-use and zoning policies help their area. Do not take our rights from us in our local areas! thank you

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Patty Kirby

From:

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 8:13 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** SB9

I am writing this in regard to the disastrous effects of SB9. This bill does not address affordable housing and only benefits developers. California is very densely built already and to depend on State legislators to dictate local zoning and control is ludicrous. Single family housing being turned in high density housing will result in displacement, overcrowding and a drop in the quality of life. Land use is much better governed by local communities than State legislators.

As such, I am in strong support of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. The State has prioritized developers, investors and financiers over home owners. Each and every local community has it's own set of challenges that should not be dictated by legislators in Sacramento.

Frederick Hahn

From: Beth Haney <bhaney@yorbalindaca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 8:17 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support for Neighborhood Voices initiative

## Dear SCAG members,

As a local elected leader and former mayor, I know local communities are far more qualified than Sacramento lawmakers to create land use and zoning policies. Affordable housing is priority for most CA cities and many have been successful in creating it for their residents. I am sure you are aware of the gentrification problem, the destabilizing effect on communities especially of color, and the hawkish attitudes of developers on communities that continue to impact our residents.

I am asking you to support our Neighborhood Voices initiative for the sake of our state, cities, and residents. Thank you very much for your consideration in this important matter.

An accurate quote from Neighborhood Voices:

Local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, the Wine Country or San Diego. It's ludicrous for the State to believe it can outperform local government on land-use planning and zoning.

Sincerely, Dr. Beth Haney Councilwoman of Yorba Linda www.yorbalindaca.gov From:

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 8:17 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

To: SCAG

Please support the "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative".

Local governments can plan better and more effectively for affordable housing than the state. The state legislature has ignored popular opinion and the welfare of Californians by passing bad bills like SB9.

Let democracy work, support "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative!

Thank You, Paul Ganz From: Bob Anderson <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 8:24 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

I urge SCAG to accept their staff's recommendation and vote YES to support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative! This is critically important across California and especially in Southern California.

Thank you.

**Bob Anderson** 

From: T.J. Esposito < > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 8:53 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support for Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

San Diego resident Anthony Esposito:

I Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. I've been living in San Diego for 14 years and have been saving for a house for almost 20 years. Developer-driven housing costs have been keeping my dream of owning a house perpetually out of reach. San Diego is already firmly in the pocket of the REI/developers but maybe other SoCal cities stand to benefit from the ONV initiative.

It's very clear that SB9/SB10, and other planned and to-be-planned Sacramento-issued measures, exist not to alleviate the housing issues in California, but rather to give handouts to developers/REIs/real estate professionals. Toni Atkins' developer consultant wife Jennifer LaSar stands to directly benefit from that obvious conflict of interest bill, and Wiener has received very generous campaign funding contributions from the real estate/developer crowd as well.

I'm 37 years old and make decent money as a software engineer and I can't afford to buy a house anywhere within a reasonable commute because everything is being bought up by real estate investors to build ADUs and then rented out for-profit.

In my local neighborhood I see "SOLD" signs on houses and then within days "FOR RENT" signs. For-profit real estate investors are already making it impossible to buy a house to live in, and SB9/10 will make it outrageously worse. In San Diego, the City is removing parking regularly with ever-expanding red zones and SB9/10 will make this worse too. Houses on the market skyrocket in value after even 1 ADU is built and a once \$700k home is a year later \$1.5M... the rent from the ADU does NOT cover the mortgage increase, only absentee landlords/investors can reasonably afford these, not to mention paying off mortgage under the lot-split provisions.

Stop the densification madness; constituents don't want it; it's not creating "affordable" housing where there isn't any; it's main purpose is to turn existing housing stock into profit centers for developers and their CA senator spouses.

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

I urge you to support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative for the following reasons:

1. The State's "One-Size-Fits-All" housing policies do not work for cities such as Foster City: an ISLAND with few egress and ingress, over-built and lacking infrastructure for additional housing. In the event of an emergency, timely evacuation is impossible.

- 2. The State's housing laws do Not provide for affordable housing. They allow developers to build irresponsibly without providing for infrastructure. Currently, Foster City parents are having to drive their children to another city because Foster City schools can't accommodate the current population.
- 3. Democracy means the People's, not just developers' voices matter. The State's housing laws clearly show favoritism towards developers and ignore the many voices of constituents.

Sincerely, Eva Hess From: Kim Hunter-Reay <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:08 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Affordable Housing helps build Healthy Communities

- CRITICAL AFFORADABLE HOUSING Assures for safe neighbors
- Easees Crime
- Helps support education
- Enables more jobs to be filled, by enabling people to have shelter
- Enriches communities
- A basic tenet of our democracy is our right to speak out about public policy that directly impacts our citizens and communities. The State has instead prioritized the needs of deve

From: Thomas Baule <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:11 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support Our Neighborhood voices

Please support Our Neighborhood Voices. Zoning should be in the hands of local citizens and local communities, not Sacramento lobbyists. Please support this important drive.

Thomas Baule concerned citizen

From: Debbie Andorka-Aceves <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:23 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** VOTE YES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANNING VOTER INITIATIVE

Dear members of SCAG.

I'm writing to urge you to follow the recommendation to SUPPORT the Community Planning Voter Initiative, (Agenda Item 2) on Thursday, January 6. \*Local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long-term housing goals. \*Each city and area in our vast state has different issues and terrain. What may work for one area may not work for another. Sacramento cannot outperform local government when it comes to best practices for land-use planning and zoning policies in our cities and counties across the state. \*Allowing developers to take advantage of increased density in single-family communities without any affordability requirements, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy requirements will result in further displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities, exacerbate our affordable housing crisis and put more stress on local infrastructure without additional fees to offset those impacts. \*Communities of color and working class neighborhoods are already besieged by investors and institutions seeking more single family homes to buy, making the dream of homeownership even more difficult to attain for more Californians. SCAG's support for the ONV Initiative is a strong statement against "trickle-down" housing policies that accelerate the transformation of homeowners into renters and destabilize existing communities. \*Accelerating affordable housing production requires collaboration between all levels of government, the private sector, and community members - each of these groups has an important role to play. Supporting the ONV Initiative will stop Sacramento from manipulating local land use policy, giving ineffective incentives to developers and blaming local governments for slow housing production without delivering the funding or effective policies required to get the affordable housing we need. \*A basic tenet of American democracy is our right to speak out about public policy measures that directly impact our citizens and communities, but Sacramento has instead prioritized the needs of developers to receive outsized benefits and incentives to build more market-rate housing. That is fundamentally undemocratic, and the idea that we all have a right to speak out and be heard about what is happening in our own communities is the heart and soul of the ONV Initiative.

Sincerely, Deborah Andorka From: Brad Thompson <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:26 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Vote Yes. Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

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From: Audrey Friedman <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:28 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Vote Yes. Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

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From: orly laluz <

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**To:** ePublic Comment Group **Subject:** Santa Cruz resident comment

Please count my concern about allowing various municipalities within California to determine how best to deal with housing issues. Santa Cruz has distinct physical limitations as well as earthquake concerns.

From: Espie Perdomo <

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From: Bruce Block <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:40 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group **Subject:** Neighborhood Voices initiative

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Don't allow developers to destroy California.

Thank you,

B. Block

From: Jeanne Smith <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:49 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Cc:** Jeanne Smith **Subject:** Please Read

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Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:55 AM

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Garland Realty Co

Scott@garlandrealtyco.com

From: Randi Vita <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 10:03 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** please SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

The public must have a right to speak out about public policy that directly impacts our communities. The State has instead prioritized the needs of developers, investors and financiers, providing them the ability to remove affordable housing and replace it with luxury highly expensive housing, driving out the users of public transit and destroying our neighborhoods.

Passing the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative will prevent the State from manipulating local land-use policy and handing out developer "incentives" that remove existing affordable housing.

Thank you,

Randi Vita

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From: Katherine Makinney <

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Katherine Makinney

From: Constance Boukidis <

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 10:07 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** PLEASE SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES INITIATIVE!

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Constance Boukidis Westwood Neighborhood Council Comstock Hills HOA From: Mark Amparan <

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 10:10 AM

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From: James Q. Meehan <

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 10:12 AM

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James Meehan

From:	Dani Zandel <		
Sent:	Tuesday, January 4, 2022 10:34 AM		
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From: Joyce Murphy <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 10:34 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** SB 9

I am appalled at the passage of SB 9 that allows multi-unit structures in single family neighborhoods. Apartment complexes built to EPA, coastal laws, and safety guidelines are a better fit for the goal of reaching affordable housing needs. Increased density in our neighborhoods with unchecked landlords and stress on our infrastructure are NOT what we need.

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## Joyce A. Murphy

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From: Nabil Yacoub <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 10:43 AM

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Nabil Yacoub

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From: Peggylmb < > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 10:44 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Stop SB 9!!

I have worked my whole life to live in a small single family home and community. I already see what happens to a neighborhood when there are 6 or 7 vehicles parked at a single home, when multiple families live in a home meant for one, the overflowing trash and noise when that many people are compacted into a small area....and you want to let them put up to 4 more properties on a single lot!! I say HECK no!!!

From: Bill Hiatt <

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 10:51 AM

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Sincerely,

William Hiatt

From: brfoley76@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brad Foley <br/> sprfoley76@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 11:07 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

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This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Brad Foley using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Brad Foley From: mfukushima@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mayumi Fukushima

<mfukushima@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 11:13 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Mayumi Fukushima using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Mayumi Fukushima From: Mary Fischer <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 11:14 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Hello, East Area Progressive Democrats, Los Angeles, the largest Dem club in the state, unanimously voted to endorse Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative and we urge SCAG to do the same.

By taking away the right of local communities and government to decide what housing fits with our communities, the state has taken full control, at a distance, of our lives. This is blatantly unconstitutional per California's constitution.

We strongly object to the fact that no affordable housing is required in new housing bills SB 9 and SB 10 when affordable housing is what the state most needs.

We know that neighborhoods of mostly black and brown residents will be devastated by these bills as developers can now swoop in and buy land to up zone properties in low-income areas which will make them unaffordable to those who can live here.

Passing the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative will prevent the State from manipulating local land-use policy and handing out developer "incentives" that produce little affordable housing, then blaming local government for the crisis. Without delivering funding, or effective policies that produce affordable housing, California won't see an end to the housing crisis.

- A basic tenet of our democracy is our right to speak out about public policy that directly impacts our
  citizens and communities. The State has instead prioritized the needs of developers, investors and
  financiers, providing them outsized benefits to produce more and more market-rate housing. This is
  fundamentally undemocratic. Being heard on the issues that face our communities is the heart of the
  Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.
- Local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, the Wine Country or San Diego. It's ludicrous for the State to believe it can outperform local government on land-use planning and zoning.

Please do the right thing and support us, the people who live here, by supporting Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. Thank you.

Mary Fischer

East Area Progressive Democrats, Los Angeles

From: Philip Lelyveld <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 11:20 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Vote Yes. Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Dear members of SCAG,

I'm writing to urge you to follow the recommendation to SUPPORT the Community Planning Voter Initiative, (Agenda Item 2) on Thursday, January 6.

Allowing developers to take advantage of increased density in single-family communities without any affordability requirements, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy requirements will result in further displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities, exacerbate our affordable housing crisis and put more stress on local infrastructure without additional fees to offset those impacts.

Thank you,

Phil Lelyveld

From: Peter Rowe < > > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 11:28 AM

To: ePublic Comment Group

Subject: Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Hello:

I am writing in support of the neighborhood voices initiative project.

All of us in California are extremely concerned about the top down state government sponsored housing initiatives and SB nine.

The state government drives its power from the counties who derive their power from the cities who derive the cities who derive

Citizens have chosen to live in certain areas for different reasons.

It seems that are major metropolitan cities are the ones that have the housing problems. They have turned to you as the state to sell them when they have not had the gumption or force or will they saw them themselves.

Local committees are far more qualified than the state to decide which land-use zoning policies help.

The alliance of developers and housing advocates cannot supersede the will of the people.

Individuals count. Group politics do not.

When you limit the number of affordable housing units in a development to 15% you actually hurt the minorities that you're trying to help.

If we required a larger affordable housing units developers would not take take these projects up because they cannot make a profit

There and seems to be your Achilles' heel. You can't find people to build housing projects if they have more than 15% affordable housing units

The state has prioritized the needs of developers, investors, and financiers rather than its own citizens in developing these policies.

SB nine must be overturned.

It is an abusive use of power by the state government over all of us.

Support the neighborhood voices initiative as your support staff has recommended.

Sincerely,

Peter H. Rowe

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Affordable Housing - Allow local communities to plan our neighborhoods Not Sacramento

## To SCAG,

Local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, the Wine Country or San Diego. It's unreasonable for the State to believe it can outperform local government on land-use planning and zoning.

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Don't destroy our California neighborhoods at the cost of quality of life for so many to help so few in the name of Affordable Housing. Developing apartments in neighborhoods will not provide Affordable Housing as they will charge be market value rent.

Additionally strain an infrastructure originally designed and zoned for single family homes.

Focus building efforts in established transit corridors where multi units can provide a better solution to housing needs and truly make a difference.

Sincerely, Jan Taylor

Sent from my iPhone

From: Claude Rush <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 11:59 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** SB-19

I am a strong opponent of SB-19 for one reason and one reason ONLY! I am sick and tired to witness the city catering to developers. Why would, all of a sudden, the government agrees to let them invade single family communities? This SB-19 has nothing to do with solving the housing problem. You know it and I know it. It has been created by developers anxious to cash in big with the support of the government. It feels that we are living in a banana republic where we, the people, have no say. There are plenty of empty spaces where the developers can stack the population in high-rise if they are so concerned about the housing problem. SHAME ON THE STATE TO ALLOW THE DESTRUCTION OF NEIGHBORHOODS FOR PROFIT! It is appalling!

Sincerely,

Claude Rush

From: Chuck <

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:03 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** SB 9 & 10

Please stop destroying established middle class residential areas! We live near San Diego State University, and SB9 incentivizes those who can afford it to build 3 story "ADUs" in their yards, to rake in sky high rental rates from university students, without providing for any infrastructure upgrades to serve the renters.

-Chuck Walrad

From: disalindgren@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Disa Lindgren

<disalindgren@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:11 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to urge SCAG to oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

As a resident of Culver City in Los Angeles County where there have been contentious arguments about ending exclusionary zoning, welcoming more neighbors, and taking local responsibility for addressing homelessness with empathy, as well as responding to climate change with purpose, I cannot think of a more cowardly and self-defeating action than amending our state constitution in the way that the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" proposes.

California faces a severe housing shortage. SCAG has been active in raising awareness about how local barriers to housing production are related to the housing and homelessness crisis. The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would prevent the state from using both \*past\* and \*future\* legislation to work towards housing solutions. Importantly, this initiative would also rollback important pieces of legislation such as SB 330, which contains demolition protections for renters, and put SCAG residents at risk of displacement.

This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Disa Lindgren using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Disa Lindgren **From:** jeff.lawrence.schwartz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeff Schwartz

<jeff.lawrence.schwartz@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:13 PM

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Personally sent by Jeff Schwartz using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Jeff Schwartz From:

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:21 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** VOTE YES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANNING VOTER INITIATIVE

Dear members of SCAG,

I'm writing to urge you to follow the recommendation to SUPPORT the Community Planning Voter Initiative, (Agenda Item 2) on Thursday, January 6.

\*Local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long-term housing goals.

\*Each city and area in our vast state has different issues and terrain. What may work for one area may not work for another. Sacramento cannot outperform local government when it comes to best practices for land-use planning and zoning policies in our cities and counties across the state.

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Sincerely,

Lesley Althaus

From: Jane Dunlap < > > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:22 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please Support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative on November 2022 Ballot

#### Dear Southern California Association of Governments:

I fully support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative, which will likely be on the November 2022 statewide ballot.

I urge SCAG to agree to accept its excellent staff recommendation to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

## Here's why:

- Local communities are much more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help. What works in one area of this large and diverse state doesn't work in another area. It's absurd for the State to think it can surpass local government on land-use planning and zoning.
- It would allow developers to take advantage of state density laws in single-family communities
  without requiring any affordable units, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy
  rules. This will fuel displacement and gentrification in vulnerable communities. Majority of state
  laws don't make developers pay for infrastructure, thus the density will drain communities of
  their civic vigor & capacity.
- Communities of color and working-class neighborhoods are constantly targeted by investors
  and institutions seeking more single-family homes to buy, which squeezes out homeownership.
  SCAG's support for the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative is a powerful alignment against
  "trickle-down" housing that transforms homeowners into renters and destabilizes homeowner
  communities.
- Everyone needs to come together to produce truly affordable housing. We need to collaborate
  between ALL levels of government, the private sector and community members. By passing the
  Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative the State will be prevented from manipulating local landuse policy and giving out developer "incentives" that produce little affordable housing, then
  blame local government for the crisis. California won't see an end to the housing crisis until
  funding, and/or effective policies which produce affordable housing are available.
- A foundational principle of our democracy is our right to speak out about public policy that
  directly impacts our citizens and communities. The State has instead has put the desires and
  needs of developers, investors and financiers, above those of the people, providing them
  oversized benefits to produce more and more \*market-rate\* housing. This is,at its most
  basic,hugely undemocratic. Being heard on the issues that face our communities is the heart
  of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Thank you. Sincerely, Jane Dunlap From: Maria Pavlou Kalban <

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:22 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Thank you for considering your staff's report to support the Initiative to restore local control. We need housing but we must add housing in a planned manner that will be a win for everyone. Local control is the way we can stop land speculation and promote healthy communities for all.

Please vote Yes on supporting the Initiative.

Maria Pavlou Kalban United Neighbors Sherman Oaks Homeowners Assoc From: Scott Bagley <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:29 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

## Good day,

I have been a southern California resident since 1986 and homeowner since 2013. I am writing to urge your support of the *Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative* because I strongly believe in the capability and the right of local communities to determine what is best for their zoning laws.

When I purchased my home in 2013, I was not only buying a structure and a lot - I was buying into a compact and vision of community standards, aesthetics, environmental protections, safety and stability. Sacramento does not have the insight or right to upend and destroy our neighborhoods.

Again - please help me and millions of other hardworking California homeowners and support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Scott Bagley

From: gguthman28@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gary Guthman < gguthman28

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:30 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

#### Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing as a long-term homeowner in a "high opportunity" neighborhood in Culver City to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

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This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

Our housing affordability crisis is a regional and statewide issue and must be solved with statewide legislation such as SB 9 and SB 330. Smaller communities must not be allowed to exclude the broader community from the opportunity to live in our high opportunity neighborhoods.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Gary Guthman using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Gary Guthman From: Holly Sherwin <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:40 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

## Dear SCAG

I am writing to urge you to support the efforts of Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative to keep developers and investors from turning an already crazy housing market into something that only investors and developers can afford. The new laws (SB 9 & SB 10) will not create more affordable housing and it is naive to think that they will. Our communities need to decide for themselves how to regulate and permit development that will keep housing affordable and available. It's a travesty to see what is happening in our state and across the country in regards to the housing market. Please do what is right for the people of this state and not the developers.

Thanks for your time and attention.

Best,

holly Sherwin

From: Lily Zandel <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:46 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

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- \*Accelerating affordabl Sent from Mail for Windows

From: REX PAYNE <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:48 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Stop SB 9

## Dear State Representatives:

I have several objections to SB 9.

First, SB 9's top-down, one-size-fits-all approach will waste your time, both now and later when its chickens come home to roost. California may be the most diverse state in the US not only geographically and ethnically but economically and culturally, and the people of California's communities are in a much better position than statewide government to know, understand and appreciate this diversity. Trying to impose a single regime on California's hundreds of communities will backfire badly, and you will wish you had not bothered with SB 9 in the first place.

Second: Yet again, the state through SB 9 seeks to benefit a few developers who contribute money to state election campaigns at the literal expense of the taxpaying voters. This is socialism for the rich: transfer tax dollars to those who need it least while leaving the costs and cleanup to the taxpayers. In the old days, this was known as corruption. It further empowers the rich to compel even more concessions from you, the political class, in the future. When will you kick the addiction?

Third: Speaking of socialism for the rich, SB 9 exacerbates our latest crisis: the gobbling up of already-scarce housing by huge corporations that, of course, care only about profit. Does a state that is 95% tenants and 5% homeowners seem politically stable to you? Why make things worse? Think of the long term, not just the next financial quarter.

You are public servants. Please serve the taxpaying voters, not just the super-rich. Thank you for your consideration.

From: michaelainslie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Ainslie

<michaelainslie@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:49 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Michael Ainslie using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Michael Ainslie From: Matt Tweedie <

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:51 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** VOTE YES - Supporting Community Planning Voter Initiative

Dear members of SCAG,

I'm writing to urge you to follow the recommendation to SUPPORT the Community Planning Voter Initiative, (Agenda Item 2) on Thursday, January 6.

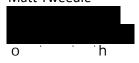
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Sincerely,

Matt Tweedie



From: Constance Carlson <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 1:38 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Vote Yes. Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

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Sincerely, Constance Carlson From: CATHARINE DOUGLASS <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 1:41 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

• One size does NOT fit all. Local Governments should decide zoning issues, NOT the state.

- We NEED affordable housing, NOT more market rate housing.
- Stop playing into the hands of developers to the detriment of our neighborhoods
- The insane bills that have come out of Sacremento are devastating poorer communities that will be gentrified at the expense of current residents
- Stop stressing our already inadequate and crumbling infrastructure.
- Stop allowing developers to build insanely dense housing in fire zones
- Stop overburdening our already understaffed Police and Fire Departments
- Pass the "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative" to prevent the State from manipulating local land-use policy and handing out developer "incentives" that produce little affordable housing, then blaming local government for the crisis. Without delivering funding, or effective policies that produce affordable housing, California won't see an end to the housing crisis.
- A basic tenet of our democracy is our right to speak out about public policy that directly impacts our citizens and communities. The State has instead prioritized the needs of developers, investors and financiers, providing them outsized benefits to produce more and more market-rate housing. This is fundamentally undemocratic. Being heard on the issues that face our communities is the heart of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Catharine Douglass

From: nan1 <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 1:48 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support the OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES INITIATIVE

# I emphatically urge SCAG to agree to accept your excellent staff recommendation to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. Here's why:

- First there is the fact that local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide
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Respectfully, Rosanne Keynan From: tophermathers@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Topher Mathers

<tophermathers@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 1:56 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Topher Mathers using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely,
Topher Mathers

From: Todd Young <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 2:09 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Vote Yes. Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

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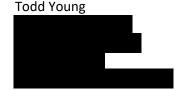
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Sincerely disgusted,



From: Claire Sheftel < > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 2:23 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Sincerely,

First Name Last Name Claire Sheftel

From: kyle.fordham@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kyle Fordham

<kyle.fordham@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 2:30 PM

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Personally sent by Kyle Fordham using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Kyle Fordham From: craig@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Craug Lyn <craig@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 2:31 PM

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Personally sent by Craug Lyn using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Craug Lyn From: cengelh1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chase Engelhardt <cengelh1

@everyactioncustom.com>

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Personally sent by Chase Engelhardt using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Chase Engelhardt From: Barry Host <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 2:35 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group **Subject:** Staff Recommendations

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Thank you for your consideration

Regards, Barry Host

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From: Ms nancy foster <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 2:39 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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From: Britta.Eriksson@eurovat.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 2:48 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please vote YES on supporting the Our Neighborhood Voices (ONV) Initiative

## Dear valued members of SCAG:

I kindly but urgently ask you to support returning land-use planning and zoning to local governments! Please **Vote YES to support the Our Neighborhood Voices (ONV) Initiative.** The politicians in Sacramento is in no way or form able to make these important decisions as "one fits all" for the State of California. Please bring back the power to the local municipalities. They clearly understand what will work best for their community.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

Britta Eriksson

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From: Leslie Elkan <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 2:51 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group **Subject:** Please get rid of SB 9 and 10!

Hi,

I have lived in Los Angeles, CA all my life. SB 9 and 10 are horribly written bills that will permanently damage California. Please reverse them!

Sincerely,

Leslie Elkan

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** ersharonrn

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:15 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** sb9

Californians MUST get a measure on the ballot to take back our town zoning laws—the state shouldn't have any say in it at all!

From: n <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:28 PM

ePublic Comment Group To:

Subject: Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Dear SCAG Representatives

We strongly urge you to accept the staff report and support "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative."

Thank you for your consideration.

Samuel & Cathy Wise

From: Bill Miller < > > > > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:32 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support SCAG Staff Recommendation and support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Dear SCAG Committee Members,

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Please support SCAG Staff Recommendation and support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

## Why?

#### Because:

- Our Local Communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help.
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- What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, the Wine Country or San Diego.
- It's ludicrous for the State to believe it can outperform Local Government on land-use planning and zoning.
- Allowing developers to take advantage of state density laws in single-family communities
  without requiring ANY affordable units, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy
  rules, will fuel Displacement and Gentrification in Sensitive Communities.

Because of these state bills, the developer feeding frenzy in these areas is happening NOW.

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- Without delivering funding, or effective policies that produce AFFORDABLE housing, California won't see an end to the Housing OR the Homeless Crisis.
- A basic tenet of our Democracy is our right to speak out about Public Policy that directly impacts our Citizens and Communities.
- The State has instead prioritized the needs of developers, investors and financiers, providing them outsized benefits to produce more and more market-rate housing.
- This is fundamentally UNdemocratic.
- Giving City Councils the POWER to override VOTER land use initiatives, as SB10 does, is UNdemocratic.
- State Reps that voted to support that, in a state like California should be ashamed.
- Being heard on the issues that face OUR communities is the HEART of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Please do the right thing.

Please support OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES INITIATIVE and allow, in our great DEMOCRACY, ALL Californians voices to be heard .

Thank you, William A. Miller From:

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:49 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** PLEASE Support SCAG Staff Recommendation and Support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

#### Dear SCAG Committee,

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- ---State housing bills like SB9 and SB10 do NOT require any Affordable Housing. This is unacceptable in the midst of an Affordable Housing and a Homeless Crisis.
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Sincerely, Emma Riordan From: Joe Steins < > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:55 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Vote YES in support of Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

1/4/22

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

As a homeowner in the Miracle Mile in Los Angeles for the last 51 years, I wish to encourage SCAG to accept their own staff's recommendation and vote YES to support the Our Neighborhood Voices (ONV) Initiative.

As you may be aware, the basic premise driving this initiative is that local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long term housing goals. It is ludicrous for Sacramento to presume that they can outperform local government when it comes to best practices for land use planning and zoning policies in ALL cities and counties throughout California! What hubris! What works for San Francisco doesn't work in Los Angeles, San Jose, Long Beach, San Diego, Culver City, Anaheim, or Irvine, to name just a few.

Allowing developers to take advantage of increased density in single family communities without any affordability requirements, environmental review, or enforceable owner occupancy requirements will result in further displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities, exacerbate California's affordable housing crisis and puts more stress on local infrastructure (which in many communities in California has already shown signs of inadequacy) without additional fees to offset those impacts.

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Our legislators in Sacramento were repeatedly advised thousands of times in the last couple of years that communities of color and working class neighborhoods would be besieged by investors and institutions seeking more single family homes to buy, making the dream of home ownership even more difficult to attain for more Californians. But we were ignored. SCAG's support for the ONV Initiative is a strong statement against 'trickle-down' housing policies that accelerate the transformation of homeowners into renters and destabilize existing communities. (If trickle-down would become affordable over time, why don't we see it happening in units built 30 and 40 years ago?)

As a retired Certified Public Accountant, the common denominator of my clients who managed to become middle class taxpayers was primarily because of home ownership. Now with developers and institutions given free reign, individuals find themselves being outbid by tens of thousands of dollars (all in cash) ABOVE the asking price and consequently are already finding themselves being priced out of home ownership. Home ownership will soon become the hallmark of the truly rich - the rest of us will have no recourse but to become renters, subject to the whims of large institutions already buying up homes not for their own homes but for rentals to others. Here in the Miracle Mile, for over a decade, we have seen affordable housing (built before 1979) torn down and replaced with 3 or 4 times as many units and none of them any longer affordable, thus displacing seniors and long-term tenants who will not be able to afford the rents that will be charged.

A basic tenet of American democracy is our right to speak out about public policy measures that directly impact our citizens and communities, but Sacramento has instead prioritized the needs of developers to receive outsized benefits and incentives to build more MARKET RATE housing, which we do not need in most communities in California. One should ask why that has happened? Certainly, low cost housing is what is needed, not more market rate housing where the vacancy rates are high. But Sacramento deliberately and intentionally refrained from requiring affordability elements in their legislation. That is fundamentally undemocratic, and the idea that we all have a right to speak out and be heard about what is happening in our communities is the heart and soul of the ONV initiative.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joe Steins

Joseph C. Steins,

From: Jill Ashley < > > > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:56 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group **Subject:** Our Neighborhood Initiative

Hello,

I am writing to urge SCAG to agree to accept its excellent staff recommendation to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. The State is not as qualified as local government on land-use planning and zoning for our neighborhoods. Local communities and their representatives are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies will help our community.

Developers should not be allowed to take advantage of state density laws in single-family communities without requiring any affordable units, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy rules.

Thank you,

Jill Ashley

Homeowner in West Torrance

Christine OBrien < Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:56 PM ePublic Comment Group From:

Sent:

To:

Support recommendation Item 2 1/6/22 SCAG Meeting Subject:

**Attachments:** scag 1622.pdf



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January 5, 2022

Subject: Item 2, 1/6/2022 SCAG Meeting, URGING SUPPORT of Our Neighborhood voices Initiative

Dear Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) Regional Council (RC):

On behalf of the Hollywoodland Homeowners Association (tract 6450), representing 580 residential hillside homes we urge you to support your committee's recommendation for the "Our Neighborhood Voice Initiative". This initiative will amend California's constitution, authorizing city and county landuse and zoning laws to override all conflicting state laws.

For over a year we have been contacting our legislators to communicate our concerns over various laws such as SB9,10 478. We have knowingly shared how these bills will not address the affordable housing component, how they ignore unique attributes relative to geography, environment, site planning and how they become a money grab for developers (with deep pocket lobby groups). In addition, none of these laws grasp the quality and safety issues relative to good development/planning like infra structure, roads, sewers, fire, traffic, schools, etc.

Your support of this initiative also meets the mission, vision and core values of SCAG. Thank you

Respectfully,

Christine Mills O'Brien

Hollywoodland Homeowners Association, President



2700 N. Beachwood Drive 90068 email: HHA@Hollywoodland.org

From:

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 4:12 PM

To:

ePublic Comment Group

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Sincerely,' The Lafferman Family

From: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 4:19 PM Sent: To: ePublic Comment Group **Subject:** VOTE YES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANNING VOTER INITIATIVE Dear members of SCAG, I'm writing to urge you to follow the recommendation to SUPPORT the Community Planning Voter Initiative, (Agenda Item 2) on Thursday, January 6. \*Local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long-term housing goals. \*Each city and area in our vast state has different issues and terrain. What may work for one area may not work for another. Sacramento cannot outperform local government when it comes to best practices for land-use planning and zoning policies in our cities and counties across the state. \*Allowing developers to take advantage of increased density in single-family communities without any affordability requirements, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy requirements will result in further displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities, exacerbate our affordable housing crisis and put more stress on local infrastructure without additional fees to offset those impacts. \*Communities of color and working class neighborhoods are already besieged by investors and institutions seeking more single family homes to buy, making the dream of homeownership even more difficult to attain for more Californians. SCAG's support for the ONV Initiative is a strong statement against "trickle-down" housing policies that accelerate the transformation of homeowners into renters and destabilize existing communities. \*Acceleratin

Pamela Dennis,

From:

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 4:29 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

Subject: PLEASE Support SCAG Staff Recommendation and Support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Dear SCAG Committee,

PLEASE support SCAG Staff Recommendation and Support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

HOW can the State pass housing bills that Require NO Affordable Housing in the midst of an Affordable Housing and a Homeless Crisis?

HOW can the State pass bills that do not require developers to upgrade infrastructure or pay any infrastructure fees in residential neighborhoods that they plan to densify, fees that they WOULD have to pay to build in more appropriate areas?

HOW can the State pass housing bills that destroy neighborhoods but require NO Affordable Housing.

WHO gets left with the infrastructure costs to upgrade infrastructure to allow for more density?

Local Control and Neighborhood Voices will have nothing to say about any of this.

How can a DEMOCRATIC STATE like California pass a bill, like SB10, that takes away VOTER POWER of the PEOPLE and gives the POWER to City Councils to OVERRIDE the People's Voter Initiatives.

Isn't that a form of VOTER SUPRESSION??

The FACT that 70+ % of all Californians opposed SB9 and SB10, according to a respected polling group used by Present Obama, clearly said something, but nobody was listening.

Please support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative..

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Thank you for your attention, Ruth Ann Poons-Geoghan

From: pauldmoses@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paul Moses

<pauldmoses@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 5:25 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Paul Moses using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Paul Moses

Kathy Howard < Tuesday, January 4, 2022 5:26 PM From:

Sent:

ePublic Comment Group To:

Support for SCAG's Recommendation to Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative **Subject:** 

I support the recommendation to approve the Community Planning Voter Initiative. Our communities know where and how to build, and this should not be Sacramento's decision.

K. Howard

From: Anita Agzarian <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 5:37 PM

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Sincerely, Anita Agzarian



From: charm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Claire O'Hanlon <charm@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 5:45 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Personally sent by Claire O'Hanlon using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Claire O'Hanlon From: Sharon Ashley <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:11 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Keep Local Councils Managing Our City Zoning

Hi,

I live in Sunnyvale. I am very upset by the passage of Assembly bills 9 and 10, and strongly encourage you to support Our Neighborhood Initiatives bill, hopefully getting it on the ballot in November.

All aroundSunnyvale, there is high and medium high density apartments and condos going up. There are many projects well catering to "affordable living". It is a clear priority for our city government and planning.

I have lived in Sunnyvale for 35 years. There have been may times projects that potentially negatively impacted our community were proposed by City Staff. The ability to meet with the developers, city planners, city council and local neighbors has always been critical for finding good solutions that meet the goals of all the aforementioned.

SB9 taking that away from our local governments, now allowing for community input is devastating. Who better understands the consequences of new development better than those directly living in the neighborhood? Councils educated in all aspects/impacts? It is a dictatorship upon our cities.

Our state is being bought by lobbyists and wealthy developers - pushing their agendas without concern for our communities.

Their money is far too powerful against the voices of ordinary citizens.

Please support our efforts to get this on the ballot.

Sharon Ashley

From: John Dustin < > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 5:53 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support the Our Neighborhood voices Initiative

## Dear SCAG,

The recent trend in Sacramento to limit local control of zoning and land use is disturbing. Local governments and communities are far n more I tune with local issues and needs. It make no sense to move critical land use and zoning decisions away from local control to Sacramento. There is a housing crisis in California, and all communities need to do their part to resolve it. It is local government, however, that is best positioned to find housing solutions that work. The legislation that has been passed over the past two years is poorly thought through and little more than a hand out to powerful real estate developer interests that are not likely to spur development of affordable housing, but will certainly decimate the character of longstanding neighborhoods.

Neighborhoods of color are far more vulnerable to up zoning and gentrification that will make neighborhoods unaffordable to the disadvantaged. It is undemocratic to wrest away land use decision away from local control. Essentially saying to local communities, "you don't know enough about your community to make wise decisions." I urge to follow the recommendations of your staff and support the Our Neighborhoods Initiative.

John Dustin

From: Scott Kirk < > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 6:01 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support for SCAG's Recommendation to Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative

I am completely against Sacramento control of local housing ordinances. Removal of R1 zoning without direct voter participation is an outrage.

Michael S. Kirk

From: connie sholomson <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 6:09 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support for SCAG's Recommendation to Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative

I worked hard, saved with sacrifice, chose a community carefully. I'm 75 now, live peacefully in Toluca Lake. Who are you to disrespect, disrupt and change my chosen environment by overbuilding here? I elected you to protect my property and my rights. My life and well-being also matter, DO NOT OVERBUILD in Toluca Lake. Connie Sanchez-Sholomson

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

From: Camille Greenspan <

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 6:11 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Sincerely,

Camille Greenspan

From: Camille Greenspan <

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 6:12 PM

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Camille Greenspan

G NOBLE < From: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 6:13 PM ePublic Comment Group Sent:

To:

Subject: Local control

Please stop taking control away from local city governments I trust the city of Torrance get your hands out of our business!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Michele Bryant <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 7:55 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative"

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Thank you, Michele Bryant From: richardson.kyle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kyle Richardson

<richardson.kyle@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 7:58 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Kyle Richardson using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Kyle Richardson From: Rondi Werner < > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 8:07 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Cc:** Stephen Meek

**Subject:** Please support Our Neighborhood Voices!

On behalf of the Adams Hill Neighborhood Association in Glendale, California, we urge you to give land use control back to our City Council. Our City has provided more than its RHNA allotment of market rate housing for many years. What we need is affordable housing. Legislation such as SB 9 will enable developers to use up what little developable land we have left in order to build more luxury housing and further overstress our infrastructure.

Our city leaders need to have the authority to develop strategies that consider the unique needs of each city -

- demographics, infrastructure, natural resources, traffic circulations, transit availability, and physical geography. For example, SB 9 will allow development on our steep hillsides while denying our Design Review Board or the public the opportunity to consider the geotechnical data, seismic maps, landslide risks, and fire separation distances. These and other safety impacts will be streamlined out of the review process.

Land cost is the largest barrier to housing affordability and the price of that land is based on the development potential. Upzoning our neighborhoods will drive up land values and make it impossible to provide affordable housing in the future. Only corporations will be able to afford residential property and no one wants Wall Street or overseas investors to be their landlord.

Please allow voters to decide who can control the land in our cities - not legislators and fake non-profits that are bankrolled by Big Tech billionaires.

Thank you in advance.

Rondi Werner, CSI, CCS, CCCA, CDT, LEED GA, AIA Allied Vice President, Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council Vice President, Adams Hill Neighborhood Association

www.adamshill.org

From: J Reichmann <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 8:08 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Cc:** Jan Reichmann

**Subject:** Stand up for what's good for California

## Dear SCAG members-

We urge you to support *Our Neighborhood Voices* Initiative that pushes back on housing bills that should never have been created, let alone voted into law by Sacramento legislators. Allowing developers to take advantage of increased density in single family communities with no requirements for an affordable element is an outrage. The overbuilding of market rate units leaves a shocking vacancy factor while abandoned commercial buildings sit empty, just waiting to fill the need through repurposing into affordable housing. Why isn't this solution embraced as we continue to see the unhoused dying in our streets.

Zoning should be a local issue where people know the needs of their own communities. Please vote to enthusiastically support *OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES* Initiative.

Comstock Hills Homeowners Association Los Angeles, Ca. 90024 Jan Reichmann, Pres. From: alynsey3 < > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 8:29 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Scag.ca

I've worked very hard for my house. I've lived in palos verdes since 1973 and my house since 1976. My neighborhood has been overrun with mcmansions. Now Calif is going to make our area even more crowded. You must not do this. I'm sorry the housing shortage is bad but California is a beautiful place to live and we all have struggled to live here. Why ruin everyplace and make it so crowded. Please dont do this.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: Nancy Rae Stone <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 8:33 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support the Neighborhood Voices Initiative

I am writing to U\urge SCAG to agree to accept its excellent staff recommendation to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

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Thank you for fighting for local control of our communities,

Best-

Nancy Rae Stone

Los Angeles

From: Tim Hilborn < > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 8:59 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Request for Southern California Association of Governments to support the Our Neighborhood

**Voices Initiative** 

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to request that the Southern California Association of Governments support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Some politicians in Sacrament have bought into the false story that SB 8 & 10 were created to help with our "so called Housing crisis" in California, when in fact it is a giveaway to international corporate developers to take over California neighborhoods and decimate the ability for families to be able to purchase a house ever again.

These flawed bills also take away the local control of community development and put all cost burdens onto the local community including, infrastructure, schools, parking, traffic and other impacts that developers will no longer be required to pay to mitigate these impacts.

Thank you for supporting Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. It is our last chance to save California families and communities.

Tim Hilborn San Carlos, CA From: Annette Bayley <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:07 PM

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**Evalyn Bayley** 

From: Annette Bayley <

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Sincerely, Timothy Bayley From: Tina Peak < > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:09 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support the Our Neighborhood Voices initiative recommended by your staff

Dear Southern California Association of Governments,

I would like you to please accept your staff recommendation to support the "Our Neighborhood Voices" initiative.

I come from Inglewood, a blue collar working class city where people take pride in owning their own single family homes in family oriented neighborhoods. We are not interested in having Sacramento usurp local zoning control and overcrowding our neighborhoods.

I feel that Sacramento is driven by the interests of developers who want to buy low cost properties and overdevelop them and that Sacramento is not interested to helping actual communities with the issues that come with overdevelopment. There is no attention given to parking, new schools, neighborhood infrastructure or all the issues that come with adding lots of new housing units. None of these new developments are required to be affordable and will not help the people who really need housing.

Sacramento's bills will foster gentrification and displacement of low income residents while weakening local communities. By supporting the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative you will help stop the state from manipulating local zoning while supporting the local governments that really understand their local communities and how best to support them.

Democracy at the local level provides the best returns for citizens. Sacramento's approach is not helping our communities in California. Please support this initiative to return zoning to us.

Best Regards, Tina Peak From: AG < Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:15 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support for SCAG's Recommendation to Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative

I DEFINITELY OPPOSE over development in our neighborhoods. WHY was SB-9 and SB -10 even passed????? CA is so overcrowded now. Not enough water. Grid-Lock is already so bad. Can you imagine how it will be if the population goes up even 1/4? Are you ready to sit in your car waiting to even pull out onto one of the main streets from a side street? The more crowded it gets the more impatient people become and I'd certainly be very unhappy if I was a victim of road rage. As for water we are fortunate the jet-stream changed for a short time. Will it continue? Will this rainy season continue to be better than the last 3-5 years? Will the next rainy season be good...OR BAD? If you want people to stay in CA you'll have to make it attractive and comfortable for the TAX-PAYERS.

I just rechecked and yes they were passed:

Sep 17, 2021 ... Senate bills SB 9 and SB 10 were approved by the Senate on August 31, 2021 and signed into law by Governor Newsom on September 16, 2021.

They 'sneak' all this past the voters. How sad politicians don't seem to work for the voters any longer. They think they ALWAYS know what is best. Think again.

Arlene Gould

From: Jean Stout < Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:16 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Vote Yes. Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

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Sincerely, Jean Stout From: Nancy Gomez <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:30 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative

I support your recommendation to approve the Community Planning Voter Initiative. My community knows where and how to build, and this should not be Sacramento's decision.

Sincerely, Nancy Gomez From: Monica Pino Miranda <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:39 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Sincerely,

Monica Miranda

From: Terry Silberman <

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:41 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Sincerely,

Terry Silberman

From: Sean Cazares <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:56 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Yes on the Community Planning Voter Initiative

Hello,

My name is Sean Cazares and I'm a concerned resident of San Dimas, California.

I'm typing this email to the members of SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments), to urge you to support your staff's recommendation to endorse the Community Planning Voter Initiative on your agenda, also known as Our Neighborhood Voices.

California has a homelessness and affordability housing crisis, there is no doubt about that. However, recently (as well as in the past), the State Legislature has passed a series of bad bills that have corroded our local ordinances pertaining to land-use and zoning, adopting a policy of one size fits all approach. This is a misguided effort to try to mitigate an issue that is best if we collaborate and devise a plan to solve this problem. If Sacramento wants to be helpful in this process, they need to give incentives to cities and counties rather than punishing them! They can start by providing HCD (Housing and Community Development) monies to local municipalities by supporting Senator Portantino's SB-15 legislation.

What Our Neighborhood Voices does is bring back local control to communities to solve the crisis and take power out of the hands of bureaucrats and big developers who don't want to build affordable housing, but market rate housing. We can't expect the invisible hand of the market to decide, since affordable housing isn't profitable, the latter will be built and the problem will persist. Communities of Color will be targeted, due to the land being cheap in those areas, and this will lead to further displacement and homelessness.

So, members of SCAG, vote YES and follow your staff's recommendation!

-Sean Cazares San Dimas Resident

Sent with ProtonMail Secure Email.

From: Eliot Hudson <

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 10:26 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** URGENT: Support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Dear SCAG,

I am writing to strongly urge you to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices initiative.

I have been a California resident all of my life. I have supported many causes designed to support less affluent segments of our society. However, I am horrified and outraged by the overreach of Sacramento politicians who have enacted SB 9 and other measures that deprive local residents of planning control of their own communities. Never in my life have I seen such disrespectful and dismissive treatment of millions of California residents who have striven hard to earn the ability to live in communities of their choosing, many of who have also worked hard to make those communities desirable places to live. For them to be brushed aside as "dirt" by Sacramento when it comes to local planning control is despicable.

The housing issue has been exacerbated by cities that gave tax breaks to create tens of thousands of lavishly paid jobs while taking no commensurate steps to promote housing within those cities, foreign owners who hide money by buying houses that sit vacant for years, Air BnB owners, and now Wall Street investors and private equity speculators (one in six houses in the U.S. are now bought by investors: <a href="https://www.mansionglobal.com/articles/investors-account-for-about-one-in-six-u-s-home-sales-01626991822">https://www.mansionglobal.com/articles/investors-account-for-about-one-in-six-u-s-home-sales-01626991822</a>). The housing issue was not created by local community residents. The latest raft of legislation has no requirement whatsoever that anything developers build be affordable or actually address the greatest needs. Developers who have tried to force unwanted projects on local communities for decades are laughing up their sleeves. On this issue, local residents in California communities should not be dictated to by politicians who do not live in the community, who have ignored representatives of those communities, who are not elected by those communities, who have no accountability to the residents of those communities.

This problem is not just SB 9 any other single piece of legislation. It is measures that have come before and additional measures even since the passage of those bills. The fight to restore local control cannot be won just by reversing any single statute. The sponsors of Sacramento's outrageous deprivation of local control have revised and amended and revised their legislation, and they will continue to do so until they are finally and irreversibly stopped.

I support, with every fiber of my being, the Constitutional Amendment to restore land use control to local communities. I have backed it with my own donation, and I fully expect I will make more donations as this fight continues.

Please join me and millions of other California residents who do not want to be dictated to by Sacramento and the developers who will profit by misguided laws.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES INITIATIVE!

Very truly yours, Eliot Hudson From: LAURA FANELLA <

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 10:49 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Our city, our decisions. Leave us alone!

LAURA FANELLA

 From:
 Mimi N Q <</th>

 Sent:
 Tuesday, January 4, 2022 11:15 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM #2 / Community Planning Voter Initiative

Please submit for Public Comment for ITEM #2 Subject: Community Planning Voter Initiative Meeting No. 639 SCAG EAC REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, January 6, 2022

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I urge you to approve the LCMC Committee recommendation to SUPPORT the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" (Brand-Huang-Mendoza Tripartisan Initiative) and to restore local authority over land use decisions.

Regards,

Mimi Nakamura

Kewen Canyon Neighborhood Association (Pasadena & San Marino), President

From: Profe Chavez <

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 11:26 PM Sent:

ePublic Comment Group To:

Support the Our Neighborhood Voice Initiatives Subject:

Dear members of the Southern California Association of Governments,

I urge to support the Our Neighborhood Voice Initiative, Here are the key points I strongly support and the reasons why I urge you to support this as well.

- Local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help. What works for a community man not work for another.
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I thank you in advance for considering my petition.

Respectfully,

Norma O. Chávez

From: Wendy Salz < > > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 11:41 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** VOTE YES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANNING VOTER INITIATIVE

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Sincerely,

Wendy Salz

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From: aeboken < > > > Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 11:48 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Urging Southern California Association of Governments to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices

**Ballot Initiative** 

TO: Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

FROM: Eileen Boken, State and Federal Legislative Liaison

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods\*

\* For identification purposes only.

RE: Urging SCAG to concur with its staff recommendation to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices ballot initiative.

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: dgthomas12@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Thomas <dgthomas12

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:02 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

California faces a severe housing shortage. SCAG has been active in raising awareness about how local barriers to housing production are related to the housing and homelessness crisis. The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would prevent the state from using both \*past\* and \*future\* legislation to work towards housing solutions. Importantly, this initiative would also rollback important pieces of legislation such as SB 330, which contains demolition protections for renters, and put SCAG residents at risk of displacement.

This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by David Thomas using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, David Thomas From: L Barlow <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:17 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Dear SCAG,

In December 2021, the San Marino City Council approved Resolution No. R-21-32 which declared the City's support of the Brand-Huang-Mendoza Tripartisan Land Use Initiative to retain and return all control over local land use and zoning regulations to local governments statewide. To run roughshod over local land use planning and try to ramrod market rate multifamily housing statewide regardless of infrastructure issues is just a plain violation of coherent land use planning. Thus SCAG should agree to accept its excellent staff recommendation to **SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative**.

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Laurie Barlow

From: Amy Josefek < > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:32 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support for "Our Neighborhood Voices" initiative

To Whom it Should Concern,

We all agree that there is an affordable housing crisis; sadly, it will only be exacerbated by the dozens of bills passed in the past few years, all of which override local planning and ignore local knowledge (if I were a cynic, I'd almost think that it feels like the State is next looking to get rid of City Councils!). As a result, California will encourage easy creation of pricey market-rate housing for high earners but very little housing for average families who are already struggling to have homes to live in.

This is why I'm, very simply, asking you to approve the excellent staff recommendation and vote YES to support the Our Neighborhood Voices ballot initiative.

These are just a few of the reasons:

- While each of these bills came with the argument that they'd be "the cure" for the affordable housing crisis, there is literally not a single requirement for a single affordable unit in any of these many bills.
- While Sen Toni Atkins made a big deal of "requiring" that owners would be required to live in their unit for a minimum of 3 years following a lot split (so as to avoid our concerns of corporate takeover of residential communities), there is nothing more than a completely unenforceable request for a promise of "intent" for that to happen.
- Should San Francisco's affordable housing crisis have been "fixed," I'd be overjoyed to hear how Sen Scott Wiener had accomplished that. However, as we all know, SF is in worse shape than ever; worse than virtually every other city in the State (and arguably, in the country, for that matter); his ideas to allow developers to become our de facto urban planners clearly are not ones that have been shown to work. One size does not fit all, especially when it comes to land-use and zoning policies.
- Communities of color have already been forced to spend decades working extra hard to create successful, wonderful neighborhoods. And now, friends of mine in these communities are being inundated by speculators and corporate investors who want to take those very single family homes and turn them into investment vehicles (most likely renting them out, at ever higher prices, to families already being squeezed out of the sales market). We've already been seeing cash offers, at over asking price, being used to push individual potential homeowners out of the way, in order to increase portfolios of corporate developers instead of making sure humans get the right of owning their own home.

Not only does this destabilize thriving communities, it will do nothing to create more affordable housing.

- While not everyone wants to live in a home with a yard for their kids, neither does everyone want to live in a dense structure or neighborhood. There really is room for both/all kinds of housing. But interestingly, some bills that encourage densified housing units (ie: in places along commercial corridors that already have necessary infrastructure or would require the developer to upgrade)

haven't rec'd the votes required to pass. One can only wonder why that is; perhaps it wouldn't give the developers as great a profit as would invading a single family street?

- While governments in Germany and Spain have recently passed laws to rein in the ability of corporate investors like Blackstone (who are now considered the largest landlord in Spain, <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/21/world/europe/spain-evictions-cerberus-covid.html?referringSource=articleShare">https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/21/world/europe/spain-evictions-cerberus-covid.html?referringSource=articleShare</a>), California's electeds instead are prioritizing taking care of the developers (who massively fund their election campaigns), rather than the residents of the State, who are truly the ones in need.
- our elected officials should be working collaboratively with the community, rather than simply the developers. They have begun to blame cities for not building enough affordable housing, yet it's the State that cut off the necessary redevelopment funds that allowed for affordable housing to be built some 11 years ago!
- Our Neighborhood Voices' initiative is a tri-partisan plan that does not favor either Democrats, Republicans or Independent voters, but instead looks out for the residents of the State! It will roll back the laws that have been passed that seek to favor corporate developers who will be the main group to benefit rather than individual homeowners (who are unlikely to be able to get loans necessary to create multiple units on their property; we already see developers swoop in to offer to "finance" such arrangements, and then give a small cut of their huge profits to the original owner along the way).
- The State passed ADU laws just in the last couple of years, that could have a huge impact on affordable housing. Yet, the Legislature is not even willing to wait a few minutes to see what the impact of those new laws are before churning out dozens of new ones!
- I haven't even mentioned yet the quite-significant issue of not requiring adequate parking spaces on the property of these newly densified projects. Look at so many neighborhoods where residents already have trouble finding parking spaces (and especially ones where streets are so narrow that there's only parking allowed on one side of the street, at all times). Yet, developers have been claiming that "people don't have cars anymore." Well, maybe, *maybe* that might be true in 30 or even 20 years, but right now, this is a huge problem that will only get worse as units are shoe-horned in to streets that were never intended for 4-10x the number of residents that are currently living there.

Our democracy calls for citizens to be involved in the process of how *our* government is run: of the people, by the people, for the people. NOT of, by and for for-profit developers under the guise of helping folks in need.

Please, please support the Our Neighborhood Voices initiative. For the people!

Thank you. Amy Josefek Former President, Riviera Homeowners Assn. Torrance, CA From: Henry Fung < > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 2:48 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

Subject: Regional Council comment, Oppose "community planning voting initiative"

**Attachments:** stop-the-land-use-lie-flyer.pdf

Dear members of the SCAG Regional Council,

SCAG has historically been an organization based on consensus after dialogue and free discussion of issues. The presentation made by Bill Brand of Redondo Beach at the Legislative, Communications, and Membership Committee (LCMC) was one sided from a proponent of the measure. The LCMC did not appear to solicit any opponents of the measure to provide comment. Fortunately, opponents of the initiative now are aware and can provide the caveats and drawbacks to this measure, as they have in extensive public comment.

I attach the flyer from the opposition, Stop the Land Use Lie (<u>stopthelanduselie.com</u>), for the record and for SCAG Regional Council consideration, to provide balance to the inaccurate comments made by the proponents of this measure.

Unlike other ballot measures which seek to repeal or change a specific law, the Local Land Use ballot measure is written as a constitutional amendment that would affect any State law having to do with land use. Land use covers anything that's attached to the ground or to a building, not just housing. It also covers activities that take place in a fixed location, such as farming. The proponents have never addressed the chilling impact this could have on home based businesses, farming, or commercial and industrial development.

It is unclear whether staff is supporting this measure on the Executive Director's accord or simply forwarding the decision of the LCMC. When the Executive Director and SCAG leadership recently signed on to a Racial Equity Action Plan, support of this measure totally flies in the face of this. CIties are concerned about the impact this has to CEQA, but the impact on affirmatively furthering fair housing is just as important. This measure would set back efforts to affirmatively further fair housing for years.

There is no consensus from the region that this measure is necessary. SCAG has built relationships with legislators, many of whom once served on the SCAG regional council or were school board members, city councilmembers, or county supervisors. SCAG should continue to build relationships rather than support a measure that will increase its adversarial nature.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose SCAG support of the so-called "community planning voting initiative."

Sincerely, Henry Fung Covina, CA From: Aurelia Sanchez <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:59 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** SB 9 Bill

Please do not support this bill. Please allow cities and counties to address the housing issue on their own. California is an expensive place to live and we cannot afford to destroy our environment by allowing housing to increase in our cities where we do not have enough green space, trees or city staff to handle our population as it is.

Best, Aurelia Sanchez From: Marifrances Trivelli < > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 5:13 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** SUPPORT of SCAG staff recommendation - Neighborhood Voices Initiative

To the Southern California Association of Governments:

I urge you to accept the SCAG staff's recommendation to support the "Neighborhood Voices Initiative". California enjoys a diversity of geography and population, and decisions regarding zoning should be made at the local level, not forced upon the public by state-wide mandates.

Any plans for future growth should also consider affordability and environmental issues, neither of which are addressed by Senate Bills 9 and 10.

Thank you.

Marifrances Trivelli (Torrance CA resident)

From: kim clinton < > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 7:27 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Neighborhood Planning Initiative

Please vote for maintaining the right for people to control their own environment A top down approach to local planning ignores local conditions and steals the right to self government from people who cherish the ability to shape the way they live. Decisions conning from a central authority cannot adequately address discrete local needs.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: Devin Galaudet <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 8:17 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group **Subject:** Please support the initiative

To whom it may concern: please accept your staff's recommendation and vote YES to support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. It would be most appreciated to the people who live in your community. Regards,

Devin Galaudet

From: Happening Music <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 8:23 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support for SCAG's Recommendation to Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative

I, as a tax payer and homeowner support SCAG's recommendation to approve the Community Planning Voter Initiative. My community knows where and how to build, and this should not be Sacramento's decision.

Fjaere Nilssen-Mooney

From: John W. Heath < Jheath@uhawhvp.org > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 8:33 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Comments on Agenda Item #2 - SCAG Regional Council 1/6/22 meeting

## SCAG Regional Council Members:

Thank you for considering a "YES" vote to support the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" as recommended in SCAG's staff report regarding Agenda Item #2. As one of the five proponents of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative, as a lifelong resident of the South Los Angeles community of Windsor Hills / View Park, and as a real estate professional with 23 years of experience in the affordable housing industry, I encourage a "YES" vote on this action item by the Regional Council. Your support of the Initiative will enable those of us who live in communities that are disproportionately affected by reckless policies such as SB 9 to speak out and be heard regarding the harmful impacts of those institutional investors and developers who are overly focused on lining their pockets with profits by building more market rate housing instead of creating the affordable housing that we so desperately need. It is a false choice to think that California cannot produce more affordable housing if local communities are empowered to participate in the land use planning process — local communities are best situated to make the complex land use planning and zoning decisions that are required to facilitate affordable housing production, and more (not less) collaboration between all levels of government and the public is a key requirement for success.

It is not a coincidence that the recent push by our leaders in Sacramento to upzone and increase density in single family communities without any public participation accompanies a record breaking push by investors to expand their single family home portfolios – recent statistics indicate that the largest percentage of U.S. homes ever were bought by investors during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021 – over 18 percent of all homes sold went to investors. Instead of collaborating with SCAG and local government to adopt and implement effective policies that result in the production of more affordable housing units that will directly and forcefully address our affordable housing crisis, state government officials have become enamored with the notion that the supposed benefits of handing blank checks to developers to build more market rate housing will somehow "trickle down" to benefit our lower income neighbors. That is a faulty economic theory that has been disproven many times over, and yet far too many Californians continue to fall for the same old stories being spun by Sacramento lobbyists.

The truth is California has more than 1 million vacant units statewide, a huge state budget surplus, and thousands of acres of underutilized publicly owned property, yet we still have not managed to implement effective strategies that create more affordable housing units faster

without disrupting single family communities and authorizing one of the largest CEQA exemptions in history via SB 9. The Initiative is an innovative and effective measure that will require state government leaders to respect and consider local community input when it comes to land use planning and zoning, and your "YES" vote will help Californians realize that more collaboration and cooperation among state and local government and the citizens they represent will result in much better outcomes with respect to affordable housing production. A "YES" vote by SCAG in support of the Initiative also keeps real estate speculators and profiteers from completely dominating our housing market which would make it even more difficult to find affordable housing in California.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I will be available during tomorrow's meeting should you have questions or require further testimony on behalf of the Initiative's proponents. I invite you to visit <a href="https://OurNeighborhoodVoices.com">https://OurNeighborhoodVoices.com</a> for more detailed information about the Initiative.



John W. Heath, Esq. | Co-Founder United Homeowners' Association II 4859 West Slauson Avenue, #333 Los Angeles, California 90056 (323) 299-8106 direct Jheath@uhawhvp.org "IN UNITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY" From: banaf.s.rahimi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Banaf Rahimi

<banaf.s.rahimi@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:14 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

California faces a severe housing shortage. SCAG has been active in raising awareness about how local barriers to housing production are related to the housing and homelessness crisis. The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would prevent the state from using both \*past\* and \*future\* legislation to work towards housing solutions. Importantly, this initiative would also rollback important pieces of legislation such as SB 330, which contains demolition protections for renters, and put SCAG residents at risk of displacement.

This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Banaf Rahimi using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Banaf Rahimi **From:** sydney.a.gordon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sydney Gordon

<sydney.a.gordon@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:15 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Sydney Gordon using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Sydney Gordon From: Jack Humphreville <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:20 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Yes - Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

My name is Jack Humphreville. I am a homeowner in the City of Los Angeles.

I have been active in commenting on the financial affairs of the City of Los Angeles, its Department of Water and Power, and the recent corruption indictments. I have written over 1,000 articles for CityWatch, an online publication, about the City, LADWP, and local corruption with is centered on land use and planning issues.

My reason for supporting Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative is very simple. I believe in <u>local control</u> where I and my fellow Angelenos have the opportunity to provide our fifty cents on local planning and land use issues and at the same time look into the eyes of our local politicians while they are determining planning and land use issues. I do not have that opportunity with our elected officials who occupy the State Capital.

Planning and land use issues a local issue. One size does not fit all. What might be good for San Francisco, San Diego, or Sacramento does not necessarily apply to Los Angeles, a sprawling, diverse metropolitan area covering 460 square miles, inhabited by four million a\Angelenos, who live in over 100 distinct neighborhoods, each with their own quirks and characteristics.

Please vote YES on Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Thank you.

Jack Humphreville

From: arvinddd2003@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Arvind Ramesh <arvinddd2003

@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:42 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Arvind Ramesh using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Arvind Ramesh From: Dennis Piotrowski <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:47 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Public Comment: Please SUPPORT SCAG staff recommendation - Neighborhood Voices Initiative

# Dear SCAG,

Please protect local zoning control and support the staff's recommendation re: the "Neighborhood Voices Initiative." Locally-elected officials and leaders are far more qualified to decide the best land use and zoning policies for our communities than are state bureaucrats and officials located hundreds of miles away, who know little about our cities.

Sincerely, Dennis Piotrowski From: Culver City Neighbors United <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:48 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** SUPPORT Community Planning Voter Initiative



January 5, 2022

Dear Members of SCAG,

We are writing to urge you to follow your own Staff recommendation to **SUPPORT the Community Planning Voter Initiative**, (Agenda Item 2) on Thursday, January 6, 2022.

Culver City Neighbors United CCNU is a grassroots organization dedicated to sharing information with people in the city of Culver City. Founded in April 2021, we have 1760 members representing a wide range of political backgrounds. We have been proactive in helping community members learn about and understand the affordable housing crisis in our city and what is going on at the State level. The 1760 members signed our petition pushing back on blanket upzoning in our own Culver City community, and are in opposition to SB9 and SB10. We are in full support of the Community Planning Voter Initiative.

Local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide which land-use and zoning policies to adopt to meet long-term housing goals. Each city and county in our vast state has different issues when it comes to housing and solutions. What may work in one area may not work for another. To put it bluntly, Sacramento cannot outperform local government when it comes to public involvement and best practices for land-use planning and zoning policies.

#### In addition,

- Allowing developers to take advantage of increased density in single-family communities
  without any affordability requirements, environmental review, or enforceable
  owner-occupancy requirements will result in further displacement and gentrification in
  sensitive communities, exacerbate our affordable housing crisis, and put more stress on
  local infrastructure without additional fees to offset those impacts.
- Communities of color and working-class neighborhoods are already besieged by investors and institutions seeking more single-family homes to buy, making the dream of homeownership even more difficult to attain for more Californians. SCAG's support for the ONV Initiative is a strong statement against "trickle-down" housing policies that accelerate the transformation of homeowners into renters and destabilize existing communities.
- Accelerating affordable housing production requires collaboration between all levels of
  government, the private sector, and community members each of these groups has an
  important role to play. Supporting the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative ("ONV") will
  stop Sacramento from manipulating local land-use policy, giving ineffective incentives to
  developers, and blaming local governments for slow housing production without delivering
  the funding or effective policies required to get the affordable housing we need.

 A basic tenet of American democracy is our right to speak out about public policy measures that directly impact our citizens and communities, but Sacramento has instead prioritized the needs of developers to receive outsized benefits and incentives to build more market-rate housing. That is fundamentally undemocratic, and the idea that we all have a right to speak out and be heard about what is happening in our own communities is the heart and soul of the ONV Initiative.

We implore you to think of the needs of your residents first. Vote YES to support the Community PLanning Voter Initiative and return housing policy to local leaders where it belongs.

Sincerely,

Jamie Wallace & Jeannine Wisnosky
On behalf of
Culver City Neighbors United
CulverCityNeighborsUnited.org

(FPPC #1439599)

From: Dylan Gottlieb < > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:01 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Action item 2: Community Planning Voter Initiative

To the Regional Council,

Please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Southern California needs to be on the forefront of moral responsibility and forward thinking. This regressive initiative will override state laws aimed at reducing housing shortages. As homelesness rises, climate change is ever escalating and home affordability is less attainable than ever, this initiative benefits only predominantly wealthy homeowners. I urge SCAG to streamline and promote housing creation across all income levels.

Dylan Gottlieb

From: rsonn27@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rafa Sonnenfeld <rsonn27

@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:05 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

California faces a severe housing shortage. SCAG has been active in raising awareness about how local barriers to housing production are related to the housing and homelessness crisis. The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would prevent the state from using both \*past\* and \*future\* legislation to work towards housing solutions. Importantly, this initiative would also rollback important pieces of legislation such as SB 330, which contains demolition protections for renters, and put SCAG residents at risk of displacement.

This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Rafa Sonnenfeld using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Rafa Sonnenfeld From: Ted Goldstein <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:09 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** sb 9

Local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning
policies help. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, the Wine Country
or San Diego. It's ludicrous for the State to believe it can outperform local government on landuse planning and zoning.

From: Andrew Silver <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:10 AM

To: ePublic Comment Group Subject: Reject NIMBY Obstruction

You will soon be bombarded by requests from NIMBY organizations to support a ballot initiative that aims to overturn reasonable state legislation that supports housing.

I urge you to reject the request to support this ballot initiative. The ballot initiative will do nothing to provide much needed housing. If they were serious about creating housing they would support an initiative that creates affordable housing. Instead they just want to overturn reasonable legislation that creates more opportunities for housing. The organizations that want to roll back the state laws call for local control. That local control has failed for decades to create housing to meet the needs of their community. State intervention is required to move these communities to do the right thing.

The status quo of local control has failed. Please support the change this state and every city needs to create desperately needed housing. Reject the calls to support the initiative to overturn SB 9 and SB 10.

Thank you.

**Andrew Silver** 

From: Ms Debbie Goodman <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:16 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative!!!!!

## SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative!!!!!!

Local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, the Wine Country or San Diego. It's ludicrous for the State to believe it can outperform local government on land-use planning and zoning.

Allowing developers to take advantage of state density laws in single-family communities without requiring any affordable units, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy rules, will fuel displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities. Because most state laws don't make developers pay for infrastructure, the new density will drain communities of their civic strength.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From:

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:17 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support for SCAG's Recommendation to Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative

Dear SCAG Council,

I am writing in support of your recommendation to approve the Community Planning Voter Initiative. I have been a resident and homeowner in Studio City for over 30 years. Along with the egregious SB 9 and 10, I am very concerned about the lack of city planning and zoning for natural green open space.

Every Planning Dept. meeting I have attended regarding the New Community Plans for various area of Los Angeles show a dearth of actual natural green open space. Instead there are athletic fields for schools or leagues but very little for the average citizen who is not part of an organized sport or school.

Now that we know that Covid will be with us indefinitely, the need for outdoor recreational activities are all the more important for the mental and physical health of everyone from children to seniors. However when I have mentioned this at Dept of Planning meetings I am told " Open space is negotiated with the developer". Negotiating with the developer has lead to the Dept of Planning actually allowing apartment balconies to qualify as "open space".

I hope you will address the rapidly declining recreational open space offered to the public. The Weddington Golf and Tennis property in Studio City is zone Agricultural/ open space and has been open to the public since 1955. Currently a CUP is being considered to circumvent the zoning in order to build an elite private walled sports complex. A CUP is not supposed to be granted if the project is a determent to the community. However our Councilmember ( at the time ) Krekorian bent over backward to "pave the way" so to speak for this project.

Again, I hope travesties like this one will garner your attention.

Sincerely,

Teri Austin

From: julieqnt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julie Tomanpos <julieqnt@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:19 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Julie Tomanpos using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Julie Tomanpos From: Matthew Clark <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:35 AM

To: ePublic Comment Group

Subject: Re: Important Request

Hello,

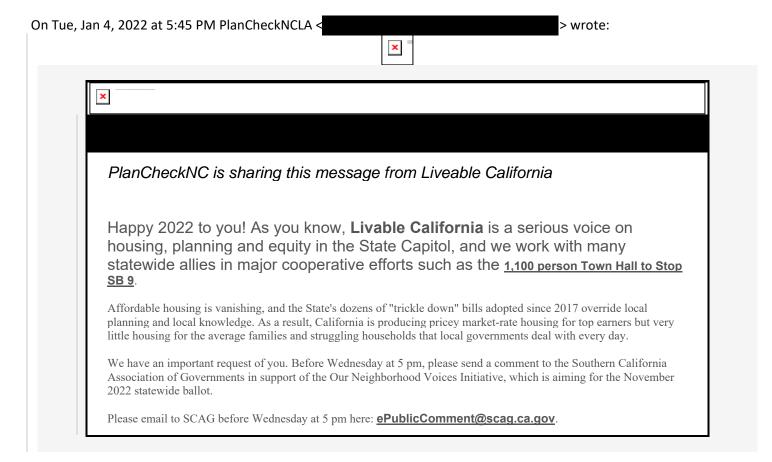
Thank you for your email. I'd recommend the following items be discussed and or looked at in regards to renters' rights, property management companies, and rent stabilization:

- 1. Capping rent increases per year, and also limiting the frequency and amount a landlord can charge renters
- 2. Look at incurred fees/bills paid by renters that should be handled by the property managers. i.e. plumbing repairs, etc. and other fees that are handed down to the renter, when they should be paid by the property manager

These concerns have been voice repeatedly to me by my constituents.

Thank you.

Matthew Clark
Tarzana Neighborhood Council



Urge SCAG to agree to accept its excellent staff recommendation to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. Below are key points to put in your own words when you email SCAG at the above email. We thank United Neighbors and the authors of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative for their efforts. Key points:

- Local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, the Wine Country or San Diego. It's ludicrous for the State to believe it can outperform local government on land-use planning and zoning.
- Allowing developers to take advantage of state density laws in single-family communities without requiring any affordable units, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy rules, will fuel displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities. Because most state laws don't make developers pay for infrastructure, the new density will drain communities of their civic strength.
- Communities of color and working-class neighborhoods are besieged by investors and institutions seeking more single-family homes to buy, squeezing out homeownership. SCAG's support for the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative is a strong statement against "trickle-down" housing that transforms homeowners into renters and destabilizes homeowner communities.
- We all have a role in increasing affordable housing production, by collaboration between all levels of government, the private sector and community members. Passing the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative will prevent the State from manipulating local land-use policy and handing out developer "incentives" that produce little affordable housing, then blaming local government for the crisis. Without delivering funding, or effective policies that produce affordable housing, California won't see an end to the housing crisis.
- A basic tenet of our democracy is our right to speak out about public policy that directly impacts our citizens and communities. The State has instead prioritized the needs of developers, investors and financiers, providing them outsized benefits to produce more and more market-rate housing. This is fundamentally undemocratic. Being heard on the issues that face our communities is the heart of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

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From: Joan Salvaterra <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:41 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Vote Yes. Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

## Dear members of SCAG,

I'm writing to urge you to follow the recommendation to SUPPORT the Community Planning Voter Initiative, (Agenda Item 2) on Thursday, January 6. Local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long-term housing goals.

Each city and area in our vast state has different issues and terrain. What may work for one area may not work for another. Sacramento cannot outperform local government when it comes to best practices for land-use planning and zoning policies in our cities and counties across the state.

Allowing developers to take advantage of increased density in single-family communities without any affordability requirements, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy requirements will result in further displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities, exacerbate our affordable housing crisis and put more stress on local infrastructure without additional fees to offset those impacts.

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Supporting the ONV Initiative will stop Sacramento from manipulating local land use policy, giving ineffective incentives to developers and blaming local governments for slow housing production without delivering the funding or effective policies required to get the affordable housing we need. A basic tenet of American democracy is our right to speak out about public policy measures that directly impact our citizens and communities, but Sacramento has instead prioritized the needs of developers to receive outsized benefits and incentives to build more market-rate housing. That is fundamentally undemocratic, and the idea that we all have a right to speak out and be heard about what is happening in our own communities is the heart and soul of the ONV Initiative.

Sincerely, Mark and Joan Salvaterra From:

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:44 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Fwd: Protect Local Control in our Neighborhoods

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Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

I request that you accept staff recommendations to support "Our Neighborhood Voices" initiative. My reasons are as follows:

- Local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning
  policies help. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, the Wine
  Country or San Diego. It's ludicrous for the State to believe it can outperform local
  government on land-use planning and zoning.
- Allows developers to take advantage of state density laws in single-family communities without requiring any affordable units, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy rules.

Regards,

William Champlin

From:

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:49 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Land use

I am supporting local control over land use elements. Although affordable housing is in need, local identity and jurisdiction are vital to the individual cities. There are many ways to address the housing issue. Let's work together to resolve the housing crisis but maintain jurisdiction to the cities.

Peter Chan Monterey Park Council member

Sent from my iPhone

From: David Hoyt <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:54 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Vote Yes. Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Dear members of SCAG,

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Yours.

David Hoyt

From: Elizabeth Lerer <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:56 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative!

Dear Southern California Association of Governments,

I thank your staff for recommending that SCAG support the OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES initiative.

I join the growing chorus of support for this initiative and ask you to please officially endorse the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Lerer Santa Monica resident From: henna\_howl0y@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christopher Kreidel

<henna\_howl0y@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:57 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

#### Dear SCAG Regional Council,

SCAG, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution that would allow city and county land-use and zoning laws to override all conflicting State laws. This initiative would put homeowners, businesses, at-risk citizens and the environment in grave jeopardy.

- •SCAG has raised awareness about how local barriers to housing production are related to the housing and homelessness crisis. •The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would prevent the state from using past and future legislation to work towards housing solutions.
- Importantly, this initiative would rollback important pieces of legislation such as SB 330, which contains demolition protections for renters, and put SCAG residents at risk of displacement.

The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires.

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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Christopher Kreidel using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Christopher Kreidel From:

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:00 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please submit for Public Comment for ITEM #2 Community Planning Voter Initiative Meeting No.

639 SCAG EAC REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Please submit for Public Comment for ITEM #2 Subject: Community Planning Voter Initiative Meeting No. 639 SCAG EAC REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I urge you to approve the LCMC Committee recommendation to SUPPORT the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" (Brand-Huang-Mendoza Tripartisan Initiative) and to restore local authority over land use decisions.

Thank you! Carol Kramer From: Diana Nave < > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:04 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Please support your staff recommendation in support of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. Over the past few years we have experienced an onslaught of State Laws aimed at overriding and dictating local planning policy. While some of these laws may be well intended, many of them are actually destructive to our local communities and to our efforts to create affordable housing. Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative would return planning to the local level where, although there are some exceptions, it rightfully belongs.

Local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help. Each part of our state is unique and planning decisions must take that uniqueness into account.

While the state has mandated that a specific portion of new housing be for low and very low-income households (a good thing), it has repeatedly passed laws that allow developers to ruin single-family communities without requiring any affordable units, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy rules. In addition to not adding to the affordability, these actions will fuel displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities. As a homeowner I am barraged by calls and mailings requesting to buy my property. I can only imagine what these callers plan to do with my house if I sell to them.

Homeownership adds to the strength of a community. The loss of homeownership has many negative qualities for both the individuals and the community.

Passing the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative will prevent the State from manipulating local land-use policy and handing out developer "incentives" that produce little affordable housing, then blaming local government for the crisis. Without delivering funding, or effective policies that produce affordable housing, California won't see an end to the housing crisis.

Unfortunately the State, wittingly or unwittingly, has prioritized the needs of developers, investors and financiers, over our community needs.

Diana Nave San Pedro From:

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:05 AM

To: ePublic Comment Group
Cc: zinajosephs@aol.com

**Subject:** SCAG 1/6/22 agenda item #2 -- SUPPORT

From United Neighbors: We are asking our entire network to submit comments to SCAG at <a href="mailto:ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov">ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov</a> by this Wednesday, January 5, at 5 PM encouraging SCAG to accept their staff's recommendation and vote YES to support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative! <a href="https://ourneighborhoodvoices.com/">https://ourneighborhoodvoices.com/</a>

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To: Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council

From: Board of Directors, Friends of Sunset Park (a city-recognized neighborhood organization in the City of Santa Monica)

RE: January 6, 2022 agenda item #2 – Community Planning Voter Initiative – SCAG

Legislative/Communication & Membership Committee (LCMC) recommendation to support "Our Neighborhood Voices" Initiative

Agenda:

https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc010622fullpacket.pdf?1640218707

While we are concerned about some potential "unintended consequences" of the proposed initiative, a majority of our Board members urge SCAG to accept the LCMC recommendation and vote "yes" to support the "Our Neighborhood Voices" Initiative.

1) The basic premise of the "Our Neighborhood Voices" Initiative is that local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long term housing goals.

What works well for San Francisco may not work in Santa Monica, Santa Clarita, or San Diego. It seems foolish for legislators in Sacramento to presume that they can outperform local governments when it comes to best practices for land use planning and zoning policies in cities and counties across the state.

2) Allowing developers to take advantage of increased density in single family communities <u>without any</u> <u>affordability requirements</u>, environmental review, or enforceable owner occupancy requirements will result in further displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities, exacerbate our affordable housing crisis, and put more stress on local infrastructure, but without any additional fees to offset those impacts.

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SCAG's support for the "Our Neighborhood Voices" Initiative would be a strong statement against "trickledown" housing policies that

- a) accelerate the transformation of homeowners into renters, and
- b) destabilize existing communities.
- 4) Accelerating <u>affordable housing production</u> requires collaboration between all levels of government, the private sector, and community members. Each of these groups has an important role to play.

Supporting the "Our Neighborhood Voices" Initiative will stop Sacramento from manipulating local land use policy, giving ineffective incentives to developers, and blaming local government for slow housing production, **without providing the funding** or effective policies required to get the affordable housing we need.

5) A basic tenet of American democracy is our right to speak out about public policy measures that directly impact our citizens and communities. But <u>Sacramento has instead prioritized the needs of developers to receive out-sized benefits and incentives to build more **market rate housing**.</u>

That is fundamentally undemocratic, and the idea that we all have a right to speak out and be heard about what is happening in our own communities is the heart and soul of the "Our Neighborhood Voices" Initiative.

Again, we urge SCAG to accept the LCMC recommendation and vote "yes" to support the "Our Neighborhood Voices" Initiative.

From: Anthony Rizzo < > > > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:06 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Sincerely,

Anthony Rizzo

From: Max Kanin <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:08 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Public Comment in Favor of the Neighborhood Voices Initiative

#### Good Evening,

I am submitting the following public comment in favor of the Southern California Association of Governments endorsing the Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

As a resident of Los Angeles, California, I feel very strongly about the matter of local community based planning. It is currently under threat. The Neighborhood Voices Initiative is a well-written constitutional provision that will restate the constitutional principle that land use decisions are best made at the local level. It contains key limitations that will allow the state government to govern this state's coastal areas and allow the state to site power plants. It also makes clear that it reinforces the state Fair Housing Act, reaffirming the key constitutional principle that zoning and land use decisions may **never** be made on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, immigration status, and marital status.

I support the Neighborhood Voices Initiative for the following seven (7) reasons:

- 1. Local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies are best for their area. Those who are on the ground and who live and work within a community are best situated to understand a community's unique needs. The State of California is both massive and diverse. The needs of its residents on planning greatly diverge depending on the area. Planning and land use decisions in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Central Valley towns, the Inland Empire, and the Lake Tahoe region are all going to vary.
- 2. Although I am not a single family home owner and I am uncertain if I desire to be one, I do not support state efforts to eliminate them. I understand that an overwhelming majority of people, across age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, socio-economic status, height, weight, and political party desire to live in single family detached houses. I also understand that many people purchase single family homes in communities zoned for such because they want to live in such communities. The detached house with a yard for one family in many ways reflects the American dream and expectation. State laws that override local zoning to eliminate this zoning change the neighborhood from out underneath those who purchased homes in that neighborhood.

It is argued that single family home zoning must be abolished in the name of making housing affordable to all. However, there is no evidence that housing affordability occurs when neighborhoods are upzoned (in fact, there is ample evidence that the opposite occurs). But moreover, new laws enacted by the state do not require owner-occupancy or affordable units. They also do not include anti-vacancy measures. Therefore, anti-vacancy, or affordable units. Therefore, the change that will occur in communities is not justified.

Now, if a local community wishes to abolish its single family housing zoned areas or upzone generally, that is the prerogative of the local community. And if that is supported by the democratic process, that is the democratic process that must be abided by. However, doing so by state fiat against the will of residents is not justified.

3. New state laws that purport to override local zoning control make no provision for infrastructure upgrades that are often required by increased development. Instead, the new state laws simply dictate that if need be, the city can simply enact a tax on residents to pay for infrastructure. Essentially, the state requires cities to pay for the cost of infrastructure upgrades that the city did not want in the first place. This is not reasonable.

- 4. Current state laws overriding local zoning control appear to be creating greater displacement and instability within economically sensitive communities. This also has a more adverse effect on predominantly black and Latino communities.
- 5. In light of #4, it should be noted as well that proposed state laws such as SB-50 and SB-827 have had a potentially devastating impact on local communities, doing the opposite of what they purport to do. For example, under SB-50 and SB-827, the City of West Hollywood's very successful affordable housing set-aside program would have been overridden by the state, allowing developers in West Hollywood to build far fewer affordable housing units. Next door, in Beverly Hills, thousands of rent controlled, just eviction, multi-family residential units located close to jobs centers and the under-construction subway stations would have been threatened by mass upzoning. Developers would have had great incentive to purchase these smaller apartment buildings and build far larger buildings that would ultimately be far more expensive than the current units. Under the Costa-Hawkins Act, these new units could not be rent controlled by the city. These pieces of legislation would have likely resulted in harm to those (lower income and public transportation dependent) who the state legislature purported to help. The Neighborhood Voices Initiative will ensure that local control can prevent harmful land use decisions.
- 6. The state government cut funding for affordable housing a decade ago. The result was a significant decrease in the production of affordable housing. It should be noted that real estate developers are a for-profit profession. There is nothing wrong with that. In fact, it is a good profession that should be encouraged and supported. However, developers build housing to turn a profit. Building affordable housing units is costly. Subsidization of developers is one of the only ways to produce sufficient numbers of affordable housing units.

Surprised by the fact that cutting funding for affordable housing production led to a massive decrease in affordable housing production, the state legislature has sought a scapegoat: local jurisdictions. Rather than restore funding for affordable housing, the state instead seeks a politically convenient solution of changing zoning. The zoning changes proposed by the state, however, are unlikely to lead to increased affordable housing. This is especially true when they increase the cost of land and do not require affordable housing units. The state legislature needs to take responsibility for the lack of affordable housing production. The state needs to properly fund affordable housing production. The Neighborhood Voices Initiative will force the state to do so.

7. Finally, the Neighborhood Voices Initiative will restate and clarify a basic fundamental principle of California Constitutional Law. The sovereign ultimately rests in the people, not in our elected officials. Many state laws on land use purport to take away power from the citizens by allowing elected officials in those cities to veto citizens' initiatives on land use if they personally dislike them. I believe that this is unconstitutional. Under Article II of the California Constitution, Californians have a right to make policy at the ballot box (so long as it complies with the United States and California Constitutions) without it being overridden by politicians or bureaucrats who believe they know better. The California Supreme Court and the California Court of Appeals have made this repeatedly clear through established case law. But to the extent that there is any ambiguity on this point, the Neighborhood Voices Initiative will clarify directly that this can no longer be done.

Local government exists for an important reason. As a basic tenet of our democracy. Californians have the right to speak out about public policy and control public policy that directly impacts our citizens and communities. We are the sovereign. Now, we are not infallible as Californians. We make mistakes and can vote for bad public policies. In some cases, politicians and bureaucrats may know better. But we have a democratic system of government and we value its preservation.

For these seven reasons and more, I urge the Southern California Association of Governments to endorse the Neighborhood Voices Initiative. I thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Warm Regards,

Max Kanin

From: mogen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maxwell Ogden <mogen@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:11 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

California faces a severe housing shortage. SCAG has been active in raising awareness about how local barriers to housing production are related to the housing and homelessness crisis. The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would prevent the state from using both \*past\* and \*future\* legislation to work towards housing solutions. Importantly, this initiative would also rollback important pieces of legislation such as SB 330, which contains demolition protections for renters, and put SCAG residents at risk of displacement.

This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Maxwell Ogden using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely, Maxwell Ogden From: Jacqueline Caro <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:26 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices Ballot Initiative

January 5, 2021

Southern California Association of Governors,

I support the "Our Neighborhood Voices" ballot initiative and urge you to do the same.

Our diverse cities in this state require their land use and zoning policies to be decided by locally elected officials who live in their town.

People who have tried to purchase a residence are constantly outbid by developers who pay in cash. The rentals are so expensive, young adults are moving back home with parents.

We need to create truly affordable housing and the recent laws passed, simply don't achieve this. The laws only benefit developers.

Respectfully, Jackie Ecklund From: Allen Akin <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:33 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

I would like to urge SCAG to formally support the Our Neighborhood Voices (ONV) Initiative.

The housing challenges in the Bay Area, LA, San Diego, and the Central Valley (to name a few of many areas as examples) are fundamentally different in nature. More focused regional control is essential to prevent unintended consequences, including displacement, gentrification, and infrastructure shortfalls.

In addition, SB10's precedent for overriding voter initiatives is a dangerous step away from democracy for the benefit of select special interest groups. ONV is an appropriate step toward restoring balance.

Regards, Allen Akin From: william gallagher <

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Bill and Carol Gallagher

From:

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:35 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

#### Dear SCAG:

I'm writing to urge you to accept your staff recommendation, and support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

I've lived in the Miracle Mile District of Los Angeles for almost 30 years.

There is no question that Los Angeles - and all of Southern California - are in need of additional housing, and especially affordable housing. But the "one size fits all" approach adopted by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor will not address the problem, but rather exacerbate it. This is particularly true in communities of color.

Local communities are in the best position to determine how to increase housing, and to include affordable housing in that calculation. Local communities are also in the best position to ensure that zoning and land use policies take into account the impact on infrastructure of those policies.

Market rate housing has a place community development - but prioritizing market rate housing at the expense of affordable housing will only make the housing crisis worse.

The Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative will return control to local communities, and help ensure that the housing crisis is addressed in a way that benefits all Californians. That is why I urge you to support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Sincerely Mary M. Broderick From: jeff bossin < > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:35 AM

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JEFF BOSSIN

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From: Melissa Sanders <

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neighborhoods/blocks will only create a strain on our infrastructure, schools, Police, Fire, etc. WITHOUT any compensation to improve and/or add to these necessities. *The City Council has confirmed multiple times that Residential only building/Development does NOT create a positive cash flow for the City. If anything, it COSTS the City.* Why would the City knowingly add costs to the City when we can have multi-use use Developments which would allow for assistance to our City's infrastructure etc.?

There are so many unique situations for our City that only thoughtful, realistic, studied changes done at our Local Level will create REAL Affordable Housing. Adding density just to add density will NOT have a positive gain for Culver City. It needs to be done correctly.

Please support the Planning Voter Initiative. Thank you.

Sincerely, Melissa Sanders & Eric James Metz

Stay Safe & Healthy!

From: Bryan Sanders <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:47 AM

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**Bryan Sanders** 

From: David Stout < Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:48 AM

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From: HELEN PINKSTON <

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As Culver City ("City") residents, we are writing in an attempt to prevent the irreparable harm that our City Council is attempting to bring about in the form of the subject Housing Element.

The State of California ("State") was correct in its criticism of our City's failure vis-a-vis community involvement. First, regarding this highly important Special Meeting, it is scheduled for a Friday evening during the Jewish Sabbath. Discrimination against Jews is not only a national issue but a local problem as well. It is shameful that this Special Meeting is occurring when Jewish members of our community are unable to attend.

Next, generally, we as City residents only received notice of the City's plans re rezoning via worried neighbors. There was no "diligent effort" to encourage public participation of our City's residents. Moreover, the State was also correct in criticizing our City's failure to ensure that City residents are aware of the monumental and permanent changes to our housing structure that our City Council is trying to push through. Only through grassroots efforts, as described above in our case, have many become aware of the irreparable harm our City Council is attempting to engage in by gifting R1 lots to corporate real estate developers when the homes go on the market so that the developers can maximize profit by creating complexes with units that only the wealthy can afford.

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Finally, there is a complete lack of trust in our City's leaders, namely Mayor Fisch and Vice Mayor Lee. We are generally against recalls. For instance, we were whole-heartedly against the recall of Governor Newsom and voted against the recall. However, Culver City is a different matter. There are petitions being circulated, one of which we have signed, to recall Mayor Fisch and Vice Mayor Lee. We signed it in part because of their actions regarding the Housing Element but also because of the allegations of their corruption in the Southern California Healthcare System, Inc. et al v. City of Culver City et al. Federal lawsuit. We understand that allegations are one-sided; however, the lawsuit was accompanied by documentation in support of said allegations. We have asked the City, itself, and the Culver City public in general (via social media - Culver City's Facebook group has over 10,000 members) to please direct us to any exonerating evidence/documentation or anything really to demonstrate that the documents accompanying the lawsuit were taken

out of context or are factually inaccurate. We have not received any such evidence/documentation. We cannot have monumental decisions regarding the futures of our homes, residents, environment, infrastructure, and public services made by individuals against whom credible allegations of corruption have been made.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards, Ariel and Eric Rudin From: Edward M. Wolkowitz <

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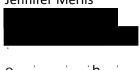
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Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android

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From: Amy Loftus Penchansky <

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From: Stephen Randall <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:53 AM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** PLEASE SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY PLANNER VOTER INITIATIVE

### To whom it may concern:

I am a third-generation California and have lived my entire life in the LA area. I have served on the Century Glen HOA Board of Directors as the head of Housing/Zoning committee. I want to strongly urge you to SUPPORT the Community Planner Initiative.

There are nuances to zoning and in order to add needed additional housing, we must have local input. Sacramento cannot solve this problem with a one-size-fits-all solution without creating chaos. The state is simply to diverse. San Franciso's problems are unlike Los Angeles'. Local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long-term housing. It is ludicrous for Sacramento to presume that they can outperform local government when it comes to best practices for land use planning and zoning policies in our cities and counties across the state.

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From: Dan Silver <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:00 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Item 2, Community Planning Voter Initiative, January 6, 2022

# Dear Regional Council:

Endangered Habitats League (EHL), a regional conservation group, urges you to oppose the Neighborhood Voices Initiative. Problems with SB 9 should be addressed through further legislative action rather than with a measure that precludes even thoughtful and well-balanced state actions in the future. Furthermore, the broad language of the measure creates profound uncertainties as to effects on existing state laws that protect the environment, such as endangered species and water quality.

### Thank you

Dan Silver, Executive Director Endangered Habitats League 8424 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite A 592 Los Angeles, CA 90069-4267

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From: David R Garfinkle <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:00 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Housing/SB 9

 Local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, the Wine Country or San Diego. It's ludicrous for the State to believe it can outperform local government on land-use planning and zoning.

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President, Tarzana Property Owners Association Land Use Chair, Tarzana Neighborhood Council From: Daniel Martinez <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:01 PM

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**Daniel Martinez** 

From: Mesghali Farid < > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:02 PM

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Judy Levitow Address From: Lydia Spiegelman <

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Katharine Wexler

From: R&W Henderson < > > > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:06 PM

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From: Ehsaan Mesghali < > > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:08 PM

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First Name Last Name Address From: Eric Frans <

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**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative"

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Again, PLEASE support the "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative."

Sincerely,

Allen Franz

From:

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From: Valle Altobelli <

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From: Liz Kinnon <

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From: Amy Agzarian < > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:25 PM

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Amy Agzarian

From: My Grenard < Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:26 PM

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Sent from Mail for Windows

From: Jacqueline Smith <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:26 PM

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From: Marci Baun < > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:35 PM

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From: Matt Brown <

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Matthew A. Brown

**From:** sarah.mozal@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sarah Mozal

<sarah.mozal@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:45 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

### Dear SCAG Regional Council,

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This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Sarah Mozal using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Sarah Mozal From: D Mitchell < > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:59 PM

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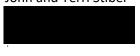
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From: Raaj Shankla < > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:05 PM

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City when we can have multi-use use Developments which would allow for assistance to our City's infrastructure etc.?

There are so many unique situations for our City that only thoughtful, realistic, studied changes done at our Local Level will create REAL Affordable Housing. Adding density just to add density will NOT have a positive gain for Culver City. It needs to be done correctly.

Please support the Planning Voter Initiative.

Raaj Shankla,	İ
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From: Ariel Malmazada <

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Sincerely,

Ariel malmazada

From: jameswhojamesyu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Yu

<jameswhojamesyu@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:08 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

### Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

California faces a severe housing shortage. SCAG has been active in raising awareness about how local barriers to housing production are related to the housing and homelessness crisis. The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would prevent the state from using both \*past\* and \*future\* legislation to work towards housing solutions. Importantly, this initiative would also rollback important pieces of legislation such as SB 330, which contains demolition protections for renters, and put SCAG residents at risk of displacement.

This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by James Yu using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, James Yu **From:** mahorvath

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:11 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

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**Bob Horvath** 

From:

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:19 PM

To:

ePublic Comment Group

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Sincerely,

Sara Hartley

From: r herriott < >
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:24 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Please stop and listen to the local residents of San Diego and every other city in California where you are starting to increase housing using horrible measures. Changing the building codes and allowing 4 or 10 apartments on a single housing lot is NOT going to solve the housing crisis because the housing is NOT affordable. The developers and builders are not interested in more people being able to live in any area ... they only want to maximize the money they make. And the prices that are charged for these "new affordable housing units" are ridiculous, even outrageous. Who can afford \$2500 for a one-bedroom apartment ... especially if one is only making \$15 per hour and their hours have been cut? This is outrageous. And to irritate the situation, the "do-gooders" have somehow convinced themselves that these building code changes will provide more low income people and seniors (on fixed income) more opportunity to housing. The low income, middle income and seniors on fixed income residents of California are becoming priced out of existence today. And to make matters worse, the state officials think that they know the "big picture" better than local officials and, therefore, the state should be able to over-ride what the taxpayer at the local level wants, needs, and, above all, votes for.

PLEASE SUPPOT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES INITIATIVE.

From: Eric Filseth < > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:25 PM

To: ePublic Comment Group
Cc: efilseth@gmail.com

**Subject:** Neighborhood Voices - from a City Councilman and former Mayor

Dear Honorable Members of SCAG,

I urge you to take a formal position in support of the Our Neighborhood Voices initiative. I am a current City Councilman and former Mayor in the San Francisco Bay Area. Once this issue comes before our own City early this year, we are certain to pass such a resolution ourselves.

Much has been said about the State Legislature's increasing appropriation of city land-use decisions these past few years, in the professed name of "Affordability" and housing justice for the non-wealthy.

I want to tell you that our own City planning department received its first SB9 application this week, from a locally-known Development Professional<sup>1</sup>. This application is to split a one-acre parcel in a tony part of town, in order to build multimillion-dollar homes on quarter-acre lots; such homes in our City typically sell for \$3-5 million each.

Whatever one may think of multimillion-dollar homes on quarter-acre lots, how such homes map to relief for struggling low-to-moderate income workers is unfathomable. These State Bills have nothing to do with Affordability, and everything to do with catering to the affluent. I have no issue with the affluent, but that group is frankly already well-served in housing markets, including ours; it's elsewhere where Policy help is needed.

In fact what this demonstrates, once again, is that **Sacramento residential land-use policy has increasingly not served the public interest**, for two reasons:

- California is far too diverse a state for its land-use to be micromanaged centrally, from Sacramento or anywhere else. One-size-fits-all does not serve the public good; land-use tradeoffs need to be made in context of local circumstances.
- 2. The State Legislature's land-use policy process is unfortunately too distorted by special interests to prioritize the public good as its top objective. The SB9 example above benefits only the professionals. But don't take my word for it please read Assemblyman Kevin Kiley's (District 6, Folsom) remarks from last June<sup>2</sup>. This is our State Land-Use Process; I could not have said it better myself.

Our role in government is to serve the public good. For local land use, that's best done in cities, who know their circumstances and are closest to voters; and poll after poll shows voters want exactly that<sup>3</sup>. It should not take a statewide initiative for this to happen; but in these hyper-partisan times where ideology too often trumps reason and facts, apparently it's necessary. Please endorse the Neighborhood Voices Initiative, and let's return reason, and the public interest, to local land-use in California.

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Eric Filseth

- 1. <a href="https://padailypost.com/2022/01/04/city-gets-first-application-for-a-multi-home-development-under-sb9-and-its-2000-feet-from-sb9-opponents-home/">https://padailypost.com/2022/01/04/city-gets-first-application-for-a-multi-home-development-under-sb9-and-its-2000-feet-from-sb9-opponents-home/</a>
- 2. https://www.assembly.ca.gov/media/assembly-housing-community-development-committee-20210622/video

"[There are] ... many other commonsense solutions that reasonable people concerned just with implementing good policy would be able to agree on. But we're not doing any of that.

"Instead the one lever that we're going to try to pull is what this bill does, which is to address zoning, relax some of the restrictiveness of zoning ... you have to ask why is that? Why is this the one thing that we're really willing to do anything about?

"My read is you have in favor of a bill like [SB9], some very powerful interests that have a lot of pull on both sides of the aisle ... enough political muscle to overcome the strong opposition, and quite legitimate opposition in some cases, of local government.

"And so because it's Sacramento interests on one side, and just local government on the other, that's a battle we're willing to fight. But in order to address any of the other parts of the housing problem, suddenly then you have Sacramento special interests on both sides, and you have even more powerful special interests on the opposition side. And so we're not willing to fight those battles.

"I've started to ask myself, am I, you know, enabling a strategy of avoidance, where we look like we're doing something to address housing, but actually avoiding the much bigger issues that are responsible for us having by far the worst housing situation in the country."

- Kevin Kiley, Assemblyman District 6, June 22, 2021
- 3. <a href="https://www.bisnow.com/san-francisco/news/affordable-housing/first-annual-yimby-index-shows-bay-area-voter-desire-for-local-control-106137">https://www.bisnow.com/san-francisco/news/affordable-housing/first-annual-yimby-index-shows-bay-area-voter-desire-for-local-control-106137</a>

Bay Area YIMBY Index Key Findings Report

17. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

Bay Area Voters	%
State officials should take action when policies by local officials prevent new homebuilding and development within their own communities	26
Local officials should have the right to control the type and pace of homebuilding development within their own communities	53
Don't know / not sure	21

Sept 2020

From: Byron Wilson < > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:27 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** VOTE YES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANNING VOTER INITIATIVE

### Dear members of SCAG,

I usually write my own letters on these issues, but can't improve much on what is below, but I would like to stress how bad this is for communities of color. I attended a 100 person plus zoom meeting or this in my community months back. People were angry. No one wants forced neighborhood rezoning. But the most impassioned concerns came from residents and leaders of predominately African American neighborhoods. They are very fearful that their fought for neighborhoods will be forever harmed by rezoning and unethical developers. Later, at a Culver City Planning commission meeting, a naive member tried to convince attendees that the scary stories of developers are not true. A much wiser architect on the commission pushed back and said it best - developers "are not the Red Cross." The horror stories are true.

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- \*Local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long-term housing goals. No one wants forced rezoning from politicians in Sacramento. This must not happen.
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From: Doug Townsley <

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All of the paragraphs below are real concerns, but the following paragraph is the exact issue in my neighborhood - developers WILL NOT address affordability and will exacerbate the increasing cost average per unit. The evidence can be seen by the trend shown on every street - contractors are building homes and drastically listing them far above the average; why would they change a profitable model?

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From: Paige Greenspan <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:31 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Cc:** Christopher & Paige Greenspan

**Subject:** Vote Yes. Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

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From: NEIL BRYANT <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:35 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

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  prevent the State from manipulating local land-use policy and handing out developer "incentives" that produce
  little affordable housing, then blaming local government for the crisis. Without delivering funding, or effective
  policies that produce affordable housing, California won't see an end to the housing crisis.
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Thank you, Neil Bryant From: Aileen Pavlin < > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:37 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group **Subject:** Affordable housing

• Please consider the following statements regarding affordable housing mandates:

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From: Terry Drucker <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:43 PM

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Sincerely,

Terry Drucker

From: Ben Burud < > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:42 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Sincerely,

Ben & Jade Burud



From: Betsy Amparan <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:46 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. Vote Yes.

Dear members of SCAG,

Please follow the recommendation to support the Community Planning Voter Initiative, (Agenda Item 2) on Thursday, January 6.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Betsy Amparan

From: Sherri Starr < Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:46 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Good afternoon, honorable SoCal elected officials,

I am writing to express my support for the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative and to request that SCAG support the initiative, as recommended by SCAG staff.

It does not make sense that the State of CA has taken away local control over land use and zoning decisions, forcing municipalities to accept very dense infill without:

local input

any affordability requirements

developer contribution to infrastructure improvements

accounting for parking OR contributing to public transit, bike route improvements or walkability protection for urban forests

protecting communities of color where home ownership and generational wealth have finally been achieved

The Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative will return planning and zoning decisions to the municipal level, where cities will be able to make decisions that are best for the community.

Thank you!

Sherri Starr

Voter, Riverside native and lifelong CA resident

From: Jovita Mendoza <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:51 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT for Agenda Item #2 - SCAG Regional Council 1/6/22 meeting

# SCAG Regional Council Members:

First, I wanted to say THANK YOU for considering a vote to support the Our Voices Initiative. I am one of the proponents behind the initiative, and became a quick supporter based on my personal experience. My background is what has driven me to have a specific point of view regarding housing.

I am a first generation Mexican American. My parents arrived with nothing and began working the fields in Salinas in their late teens. They moved to Oakland and continued to work and save for their dream – a home for their family. In the second grade my parents and my uncle and his wife saved up enough to purchase a home in East Oakland. They purchased two homes on one lot, a split lot. We were all very grateful for our home, but the dream was to have a single-family home, with a yard where I could play – yes, kids do have dreams around housing. All I wanted was a lawn for a slip & slide.

Now as an adult I am married with two kids. My husband, and I were able to buy a home in the outlying area of the Bay Area. We have a beautiful home that filled the dreams of that little kid – and yes, my daughters did have a slip & slide. I'm saying all of this to help you see the perspective of a minority, low-income girl who had big dreams. I can't imagine anyone telling me that the notion of a single-family neighborhood was no longer viable, that single family zoning is racist, that we are only good enough to be packed in and given no space (and all while supporting investors).

Now as a newly elected Council Member the recent bills concern me. I ran to ensure that our residents had the infrastructure that would give them a good quality of life, that as their representative I would vote to protect schools, control traffic, support fire and police, and make sure they had adequate parking with no fear of being threatened when parking in front of a neighbor's house (which happened to me growing up). With the latest bills I can no longer guarantee any of this. Cities will no longer be able to plan for adequate services, and the burden is not on us the elected official, but on the residents. They will be the ones who will have to drive around to find parking, they will be the ones who see more portables added to schools that will cover playgrounds, they are the ones that will have longer wait period for fire response and they are the ones that will not have a yard for their children. Consequences, because we will no longer be able to plan or fund growth.

All of this and no guarantee that any of the builds will have affordable housing. What I am asking is that you please support the initiative, to please not listen to performative statements that say these bills will help people of color, I am asking that you please let

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Please support the initiative and let us get to work to create municipal codes for each area that are viable and supported by the residents.

Thank you for your consideration and wishing you all the best in 2022.

Please feel to reach out to my directly if you would like to speak with me directly.

Thank you, Jovita Mendoza From: Dolores Williams <

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**Attachments:** Invasion by the YIMBYS Final.pdf

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Who is responsible? Meghan Sahli-Wells is at the center of the YIMBY invasion. While she was on the Council, she maneuvered our city into a higher-than-average Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). RHNA allegedly quantifies the need for housing within each jurisdiction during specified planning periods. She sought political prestige by leading the charge and was rewarded with accolades from Abundant Housing LA, a YIMBY organization. YIMBY organizations usually have names like "Abundant Housing" or "More Housing". A good example is Abundant Housing LA (or Culver City for More Homes, the organization that Nancy Barba on the Planning Commission is a leader.) <a href="https://cc4mh.org/poc-1">https://cc4mh.org/poc-1</a>. YIMBYS spread the lie that present-day single-family residence zoning is racist. This falsity is used to deceive the real intent of the YIMBY dark money agenda, to foster free market libertarian trickledown economics. If single family residences are racist, why are the people most speaking up against the YIMBY agenda are people of color and the middle class. Because they know that they will be displaced, and their neighborhoods ruined by the rampant development and density the YIMBYs want to feed their Big Tech and Wall Street"

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Abundant Housing LA a 501(c) 4 organization is a Dark Money organization which engages in political activity to support pro-housing candidates for office. They with their Abundant Housing LA Education Fund, their 501(c) 3 partner organization, are the YIMBY Dark Money voice for LA County. <a href="https://abundanthousingla.org/about-ahla/">https://abundanthousingla.org/about-ahla/</a>. Their favorite is Meghan Sahli-Wells who they awarded their highest accolades. <a href="https://abundanthousinglhttps://stopbtownupzoning.org/2021/02/22/is-upzoning-progressive/?fbclid=lwAR3CJxKLvONR\_todqXcw5c8Bit61cj8lucCYyrWifMHSq\_H7QL5OU0snujwa.org/rhnathe-best-and-worst/">https://abundanthousinglhttps://stopbtownupzoning.org/2021/02/22/is-upzoning-progressive/?fbclid=lwAR3CJxKLvONR\_todqXcw5c8Bit61cj8lucCYyrWifMHSq\_H7QL5OU0snujwa.org/rhnathe-best-and-worst/">https://abundanthousinglhttps://abundan

According to Abundant Housing LA while mayor "...Meghan Sahli-Wells [spoke] up to challenge SCAG's attempts to minimize housing requirements....[and] called for a methodology that concentrated housing targets in areas with high costs, near jobs, and near transit, despite the fact that these are all metrics which will create a higher housing target for Culver City." Because of her efforts and the other YIMBY members of the Council such as Thomas Small, Alex Fisch and Daniel Lee Culver City became only "one of only two SCAG members to support the 1.3 million Regional Determination." We got stuck with this high RHNA because Meghan Sahli-Wells stuck us with it and then the Council did not appeal it like other municipalities.

https://www.ocregister.com/2021/01/09/more-cities-than-ever-are-protesting-rhna-allocation-of-homes-theyve-been-told-to-plan-for/

Paavo Monkkonen is also a YIMBY Abundant Housing LA hero as they awarded him their Best accolade stating "Paavo Monkkonen, UCLA professor and member of the SCAG RHNA subcommittee, was often the lone voice explaining basic principles of housing planning. Straightforward facts, including that zoned housing capacity must be much greater than production targets, were brought up again and again to resistant ears." Meghan Sahli-Wells and Paavo Monkkonen pushed a dark money libertarian free market agenda and saddled Culver City with a high RHNA requirement to satisfy their YIMBY supporters.

Who are the YIMBY supporters? Alex Fisch for one.

From: California YIMBY -info@tayimby.org>
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 2:23 PM

To: Flath, Alex Subject: We told Ca

We told California leaders: It's time to act on housing. Will you tell them the same?



Dear Alex,

Over the next seven days, the State Legislature will be voting on a number of bills that would help address our state's housing shortage.

YIMBY is funded by Dark Money, mostly anonymous donors, but there are a few breadcrumbs we can follow. Abundant Housing LA one of their front organizations lists some of their top supporters. Their Platinum-level Donors of \$50,000.00 or more were WEINGART FOUNDATION (AHLAEF) started by Ben and Stella Weingart, who had become rich from real estate in Los Angeles. The CONRAD N. HILTON FOUNDATION started by the Hilton Family whose business is a large hotel conglomerate is also a Platinum Donor. Another Platinum Donor is CA YIMBY itself, the largest YIMBY organization in the United States. CA YIMBY plays an outsized role in advancing the cause of up zoning. Discovering their donors is difficult, but according to one website, in 2018 and 2019 Open Philanthropy donated \$2,850,000.00 to CA YIMBY. Who is Open Philanthropy? The main funders were Dustin Moskovitz, a co-founder of Facebook and his wife Cari Tuna. This billionaire has a net worth estimated at \$12 billion.

https://donations.vipulnaik.com/donee.php?donee=California+YIMBY

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New homes in new denser projects are costlier than the homes they replace. New construction rentals are not under rent control for 15 years. *It is a fraud to claim that new density brings affordable housing.* 

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This massive operation to permanently change the small town feel of Culver City and the wholesale destruction of our urban and suburban forest was done under the cover of the pandemic. The Council practiced Exclusionary Politics with no in person meetings, shortest notice periods possible and lack of reasonable notice and engagement with the Citizens. Fisch, Lee and McMorrin took their lead from outsiders not connected to Culver City. Culver City is the YIMBYS and Fisch, Lee and McMorrin's steppingstone.

This land grab is statewide and the YIMBY movement has infiltrated the California Democratic Party. Dark Money hollowed out the Republican Party it is the husk of what it once was. It took the Koch Brothers and their ilk nearly 40 years to accomplish that, but it is happening much faster to the Democratic Party which claims to be progressive, but is in fact either knowingly or unknowingly promoting a Neo-Republican trickle down economics that is leading to the displacement of the middle class and people of color, two of their main constituents

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noun

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Who is responsible? Meghan Sahli-Wells is at the center of the YIMBY invasion. While she was on the Council, she maneuvered our city into a higher-than-average Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). RHNA allegedly quantifies the need for housing within each jurisdiction during specified planning periods. She sought political prestige by leading the charge and was rewarded with accolades from Abundant Housing LA, a YIMBY organization. YIMBY organizations usually have names like "Abundant Housing" or "More Housing". A good example is Abundant Housing LA (or Culver City for More Homes, the organization that Nancy Barba on the Planning Commission is a leader.) <a href="https://cc4mh.org/poc-1">https://cc4mh.org/poc-1</a> YIMBYS spread the lie that present-day single-family residence zoning is racist. This falsity is used to deceive the real intent of the YIMBY dark money agenda, to foster free market libertarian trickledown economics. If single family residences are racist, why are the people most speaking up against the YIMBY agenda are people of color and the middle class. Because they know that they will be displaced, and their neighborhoods ruined by the rampant development and density the YIMBYs want to feed their Big Tech and Wall Street funders. <a href="https://stopbtownupzoning.org/2021/02/22/is-upzoning-progressive/">https://stopbtownupzoning.org/2021/02/22/is-upzoning-progressive/</a>. It is the ultimate white privilege for the YIMBYS to claim that Culver City

today is racist as they push an agenda that will displace the middle class and people of color on behalf of white billionaire investors.

Abundant Housing LA a 501(c) 4 organization is a Dark Money organization which engages in political activity to support pro-housing candidates for office. They with their Abundant Housing LA Education Fund, their 501(c) 3 partner organization, are the YIMBY Dark Money voice for LA County. <a href="https://abundanthousingla.org/about-ahla/">https://abundanthousingla.org/about-ahla/</a>. Their favorite is Meghan Sahli-Wells who they awarded their highest accolades.

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According to Abundant Housing LA while mayor "...Meghan Sahli-Wells [spoke] up to challenge SCAG's attempts to minimize housing requirements....[and] called for a methodology that concentrated housing targets in areas with high costs, near jobs, and near transit, despite the fact that these are all metrics which will create a higher housing target for Culver City." Because of her efforts and the other YIMBY members of the Council such as Thomas Small, Alex Fisch and Daniel Lee Culver City became only "one of only two SCAG members to support the 1.3 million Regional Determination." We got stuck with this high RHNA because Meghan Sahli-Wells stuck us with it and then the Council did not appeal it like other municipalities. <a href="https://www.ocregister.com/2021/01/09/more-cities-than-ever-are-protesting-rhna-allocation-of-homes-theyve-been-told-to-plan-for/">https://www.ocregister.com/2021/01/09/more-cities-than-ever-are-protesting-rhna-allocation-of-homes-theyve-been-told-to-plan-for/</a>

Paavo Monkkonen is also a YIMBY Abundant Housing LA hero as they awarded him their Best accolade stating "Paavo Monkkonen, UCLA professor and member of the SCAG RHNA subcommittee, was often the lone voice explaining basic principles of housing planning. Straightforward facts, including that zoned housing capacity must be much greater than production targets, were brought up again and again to resistant ears." Meghan Sahli-Wells and Paavo Monkkonen pushed a dark money libertarian free market agenda and saddled Culver City with a high RHNA requirement to satisfy their YIMBY supporters.

Who are the YIMBY supporters? Alex Fisch for one.

 From:
 California YIMBY ≤info@cayimby.org>

 Sent:
 Friday, May 28, 2021 2:23 PM

 To:
 Fisch. Alex

Subject: We told California leaders: It's time to act on housing. Will you tell them the same?

CALIFORNIA YIMBY

Dear Alex,

Over the next seven days, the State Legislature will be voting on a number of bills that would help address our state's housing shortage. YIMBY is funded by Dark Money, mostly anonymous donors, but there are a few breadcrumbs we can follow. Abundant Housing LA one of their front organizations lists some of their top supporters. Their Platinum-level Donors of \$50,000.00 or more were WEINGART FOUNDATION (AHLAEF) started by Ben and Stella Weingart, who had become rich from real estate in Los Angeles. The CONRAD N. HILTON FOUNDATION started by the Hilton Family whose business is a large hotel conglomerate is also a Platinum Donor. Another Platinum Donor is CA YIMBY itself, the largest YIMBY organization in the United States. CA YIMBY plays an outsized role in advancing the cause of up zoning. Discovering their donors is difficult, but according to one website, in 2018 and 2019 Open Philanthropy donated \$2,850,000.00 to CA YIMBY. Who is Open Philanthropy? The main funders were Dustin Moskovitz, a co-founder of Facebook and his wife Cari Tuna. This billionaire has a net worth estimated at \$12 billion. https://donations.vipulnaik.com/donee.php?donee=California+YIMBY

Another Platinum donor is CZI, or the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative. Zuckerberg is Mark Zuckerberg a co-founder of Facebook whose net worth is estimated at \$75 Billion. Another Platinum Level Donor is Anonymous, which can either be the infamous hacker collective or more likely another anonymous multi-billionaire donating Dark Money to the YIMBY up zoning scheme. <a href="https://abundanthousingla.org/major-donor-list/">https://abundanthousingla.org/major-donor-list/</a>

CA YIMBY believes that the supply of housing should not be regulated by the government. It is the same trickledown economics and deregulation that caused the subprime mortgage meltdown and the Great Recession in 2008. This time however it is wrapped in a progressive bow. Its program leads to higher real property prices, hyper gentrification and displacement of the middle class and people of color.

New homes in new denser projects are costlier than the homes they replace. New construction rentals are not under rent control for 15 years. *It is a fraud to claim that new density brings affordable housing.* 

Is it good for the environment? It is not. Neighborhoods with little tree cover, few grassy areas and a lot of concrete are as much as 15 to 20 degrees hotter than the surrounding areas. Walk to Palms or go to the valley and you experience the difference. The first thing a developer does when he builds a new project is to scrape the lot of all trees. The City Council's rush to eliminate R-1 zoning will turn Culver City to an urban heat trap. It will multiply the effect of global warming 10-fold.

FISCH, LEE AND McMORRIN directed the staff to study solely the complete elimination of R-1 zoning in lots 4950 square feet or larger. They could have asked for more options, but the CA YIMBY moved craftily between May and June by inundating the Council with cut and paste emails that set forth this agenda. However, when you break down all those emails, it becomes clear that there were only about 85 supporters of the upzoning adopted by Fisch, Lee and McMorrin and of those LESS THAN HALF WERE DEFINITE CULVER CITY RESIDENTS.

Most of the emails were from YIMBY outside organizers and operatives with a lot of support from

Hollywood storytellers. In contrast over 1600 actual Culver City residents in a truly short time expressed their strong opposition to the radical elimination of all R-1 housing as they were mostly unaware of the shenanigans of the YIMBYS manipulating the Council majority.

This massive operation to permanently change the small town feel of Culver City and the wholesale destruction of our urban and suburban forest was done under the cover of the pandemic. The Council practiced Exclusionary Politics with no in person meetings, shortest notice periods possible and lack of reasonable notice and engagement with the Citizens. Fisch, Lee and McMorrin took their lead from outsiders not connected to Culver City. Culver City is the YIMBYS and Fisch, Lee and McMorrin's steppingstone.

Please speak up against this land grab by YIMBY forces. This Council Majority will not be here forever they already have one foot out the door. Throughout the City there is a Call to Recall. We cannot be caught sleeping at the next election. Do not let the Council Majority use us as their pawns, speak out against this effort to destroy our city and together let us save our Culver City.

From: Jason Frand <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 2:20 PM

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Jason Frand



Math Olympiad Coach and Tournament Chairperson Linwood Howe Elementary and Culver City Middle Schools Adjunct Assistant Professor, Retired Assistant Dean and Director, Retired UCLA Anderson School of Management

Jason's homepage:

http://frandweb.net/jason

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9ykvf53hyqx7zS67wgDA6Q

From: Darryl Grayson <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 2:23 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Comments on Agenda Item #2 - SCAG Regional Council 1/6/22

Regional Council Southern California Association of Governments

Dear SCAG Regional Council Members:

On November 21, 2021, after careful review and consideration, the board of United Homeowners Association II (UHA), an organization representing the more than 4,600 households in the historically designated African American community of View Park and its sister community of Windsor Hills, in unincorporated Los Angeles County, voted to endorse the Our Neighborhood Voices Land Use Initiative (ONV Initiative). Accordingly, we are strongly encouraging SCAG to formally accept the SCAG staff recommendation to also support the ONV Initiative.

We believe the success of the ONV Initiative will help ensure local control over land use and zoning policy and put a stop to attempts by the California legislature to hand a blank check to developers to build whatever they want, wherever they want. We find that this is of particular concern to the African American community and other underrepresented groups and communities of color who often bear the brunt of the affordable housing crisis and the consequential extension and exacerbation of homelessness and the ongoing generational wealth gap we face in relationship to our white counterpart. If the ONV initiative is not successful, given the passage of such laws as SB9 and SB10, we believe our communities will become poorer, more homeless and less able to take advantage of the American dream.

How ironic is it that laws with the core stated "intent" to improve affordable housing are void of any real affordable housing requirements? Sounds like Sacramento politicians and big developers have joined forces in an attempt to bamboozle the people and usurp their democratic rights. We are hopeful SCAG will stand against this ill-conceived policy and with the people.

We agree with the basic premise driving the initiative, which is that local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long term housing goals – what works for Redondo Beach, Menlo Park, Santa Monica or San Francisco does not necessarily work for Compton, South Los Angeles or Stockton. It is a slap in the face to democracy to suggest that state legislators in Sacramento know better than the people and the local officials they elected to represent them when it comes to adopting local land use and zoning policies that help create more affordable housing.

On behalf of UHA and the 11,000 residents we represent, I am hereby strongly urging SCAG to stand with us and other community organizations that support the ONV Initiative, as your support would be a strong statement against "trickle-down" housing policies that purport to help the affordable housing and homelessness crisis but in reality only accelerate the transformation of homeowners into renters, would-be homeowners into permanent renters and low-income renters on the brink into the ranks of the homeless.

For Sacramento politicians in bed with big developers to have the audacity to smile in our faces and tell us that a lack of affordability requirements, environmental review or enforceable owner occupancy requirements will somehow generate more affordable housing is a complete insult and flies in the face of reality. We must say no to this effort to bamboozle us by fully endorsing and working diligently to secure qualifying signatures and passage of the ONV Initiative.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Darryl Grayson
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First Name Last Name Douglas Felts

From:

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 2:25 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Good Afternoon SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to respectfully ask SCAG SUPPORT "Our Neighborhood Voices (ONV) Initiative" to ensure WE the PEOPLE living in communities impacted by new development **get to speak up** about what gets built in MY city, YOUR city, OUR communities instead of handing each city's land use policy keys over to the developers. Who will know more or have the best interest as what gets developed in my city or yours: the developer/investor or the local city professional staff, elected officials with residents' participation?

I have personally had and still have neighbors who are homeowners-investors and really care more about the short-term benefits without realizing how it affects the other parties. The goal of developers or investors is to maximize profits, and sadly most of the time is at the expense of our communities. And what works for San Jose or San Francisco doesn't necessarily work for Riverside, Long Beach, or San Francisco. Add to that HOAs and property management companies...

As it is right now, BAD bills SB-9 and SB-10 have made the affordability of housing worse than it was. Who will be able to afford them now? These BAD housing bills diminish our opportunities to help regular folks and families afford to buy a home or find a decent, affordable apartment. These BAD bills will put SCAG residents not only at risk of displacement but will displaced some.

For those running for local office, this is your chance to let your community know your supporting this initiative is a strong statement against "trickle-down" housing policies that accelerate the transformation of homeowners into renters and destabilize existing communities. **There are other solutions.** 

Please SUPPORT ONV Initiative. Let's do it the democratic way with the idea that WE all have a right to speak out and be heard about what is happening in our own communities.

Many thanks,

Marcie Guillermo

Livable California

From: Woofpurrl < > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 2:28 PM

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Sincerely,

First Name Last Name Address

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From: Elvin Moon <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 2:30 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please vote YES on Agenda item A2 tomorrow

## Why?

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Sincerely,

Elvin Moon, CEO E. W. Moon, Inc.

From: Christian Quie <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 2:31 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Sharon Bowman

From: greg campbell < >

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 2:47 PM

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From: Kim Warwick <kim@warwickgroup.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 2:50 PM

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**Cc:** Mark Warwick

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Hi all. I want to voice my sincere and strong concern again as to the impact of 4-8 units going into our single family neighborhoods. We already have duplexes up to multiplexes in the Carlson Park area within a 3-6 blocks of the park. Council strongly opposed McMansions due to the enlarged footprint and came to the conclusion that the most restrictive .45 FAR was a good idea for our community, passing this large restriction close to midnight during the pandemic. In my own company, Warwick Group, we now struggle with new home buyers to Culver needing bedrooms and bathrooms for their families that simply don't fit into your FAR (reduced by approximately 750 sq. ft). New home buyers were not aware of this when they bought the property. Shocked and angered is the common sentiment. You don't see them every week, but we do. They are coming to us for new solutions for the problems you decided to enact. I understood some reduction but .45 was too much. During that call, points were made by council members that "it isn't

really that much different than .55 or .50". In architecture, it is a very big difference and your staff should have made you aware of the real footage (i.e. needed bedroom and bathrooms) you were choosing to deny new residents.

Given this hamstringing of homeowners, how are you now ok with 4-8 units? Talk about being the size of a McMansion! You're talking about subterranean parking on our small 5700 sq. foot lots. I cannot understand how you can rationalize this. Developers have won the day as they can often overbid lots out from under a family and this was before passing the multiplex issue. Also, the impact of four to eight units which could house eight to sixteen or more people per property, brings added cars/parking and traffic to already crowded streets, use of older sewers, use of old water lines (which Golden State Water is charging the homeowners to upgrade to the tune of \$10-11K per residence at the end of projects), more needed electricity, more unwanted noise into our quiet community, more trash containers on our streets, etc. etc. etc. The list definitely goes on. How can you find "no significant environmental impact"? The simple math just doesn't add up. Of course, there is an environmental impact with higher density. And then there's the issue of none of this addressing more affordable housing which you had to admit during one of the calls. This will all be top dollar development since our land value is so strong. Being in this business, I do know what I am talking about here. The strategy does not add up to being beneficial to our community.

Our concerned citizens spoke out to you on multiple zoom meetings with approximately 70% of people opposed to this change but you continue to move forward. I know because we listened to all the meetings and spoke out against. I urge you to rethink what you have already been told by the majority of your constituents. This is of great concern to our community as it should be and we hope reason will prevail. There are a lot of outside influences coming to bear on this subject in Culver City. We will have to live with it, not them. In our business, the prudent strategy is to measure three times, cut once.

Thank you and respectfully, Kim Warwick

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From: RAFIA COOPER < > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 2:51 PM

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Scot Kelly

From: Ramsey Houston Salem <

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:04 PM

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From: Fran Benuska <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:17 PM

To: ePublic Comment Group

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Sincerely, Mark Gordon First Name Last Name Address

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From: David Packard <dpackard@cityofsolvang.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:20 PM

To: ePublic Comment Group
Cc: Xenia Bradford; Charlie Uhrig

**Subject:** Solvang Letter - Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

**Attachments:** Solvang - SCAG Letter.pdf

Please see the attached letter from the City of Solvang regarding the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

# Thanks, David Packard

Assistant to the City Manager

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January 5, 2022

Regional Council
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90017
ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov

**Subject: Support for the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative** 

Dear Regional Council:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Solvang, California, I urge you to accept the staff recommendation and support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Local communities are far more qualified than the State to decide which land-use and zoning policies help. California is a richly diverse state with unique assets and needs. What works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Riverside, Solvang, Wine Country or San Diego.

We all have a role in increasing affordable housing production, by collaboration between all levels of government, the private sector and community members. A basic tenet of our democracy is our right to speak out about public policy that directly impacts our citizens and communities. Being heard on the issues that face our communities is the heart of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Passing the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative will prevent the State from manipulating local land-use policy and handing out developer "incentives" that produce little affordable housing, then blaming local government for the crisis. Without delivering funding, or effective policies that produce affordable housing, California won't see an end to the housing crisis.

Respectfully,

Charles D. Uling

Charlie Uhrig, Mayor

From: James Tan <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:26 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** SB9

#### To whom it may concern,

As a resident of San Marino city and san gabriel city, we do not want a blanket law that everyone can build a second unit or multi family unit in single family house zoning. We would want our city to have the rules and regulations as to how we allowed to build, sub divided our lot etc. we don't want dense housing and give developer power to buy and tear down out community and make multi unit. Even 2 units iS not appropriate for single family housing zoning. Not only it's increased residents in our city but over crowded road parking etc. I hope our city remain how it is now with few exceptions by adding a small ADU but not separate houses or multi unit, Duplex etc. thank you.

Sincerely

pi Tan and family.

Sent from my iPad

From: annie waterman <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:30 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support for SCAG's Recommendation to Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative

Dear SCAG:

My husband and I have been homeowners in beautiful West Toluca Lake for 37 years, and we support your recommendation to approve the Community Planning Voter Initiative. Legislators and bureaucrats hundreds of miles away in Sacramento should not be allowed to dictate how our neighborhood or any other neighborhood in California is zoned and managed.

Sincerely,

Ann Waterman and Robert Dickey

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: Emily Kamen <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:31 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Urging SUPPORT of Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

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Sincerely, Emily Kamen From: Frances Prichett <

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Sincerely, Frances Prichett From: Mary McFadden < > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:36 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** YES on the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

State control presumes that we, the people who live here, should not have agency to determine land use. We know the issues, are part of the community, and do, in fact, have a moral and social obligation to those around us. Unlike state legislators who are beholden to moneyed interests like developers and real estate speculators, we have and will continue to work for a sustainable society.

Local communities know the issues that pertain to them. State high density laws place the burden of providing utilities and services on those who have no voice in how their money will be spent. It is the communities that just now gained a foothold on the economic ladder that are being targeted by developments and by the legislators. The laws promoted as egalitarian are actually entrenching the power with the wealthiest.

Most egregiously, removing access to plans and projects, disallowing input from the public is an attack on democracy. By prioritizing the needs and profit of investors, developers, and, yes, politicians, creates an unfair society and endangers the planet and our lives.

Mary McFadden

From: Julie Sisk <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:38 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** VOTE YES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANNING VOTER INITIATIVE

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Sincerely,

First Name Last Name Address Julie Sisk Director, American Pavilion

http://www.ampav.com

From: Ruth <

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:39 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Sincerely,

Ruth & Kurt Zasadil

From: Anthony Dedousis <anthony@abundanthousingla.org>

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:52 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

Cc: Leonora Camner; Aaron Eckhouse; Laura Foote; Jon Wizard; Wesley Reutimann; Elizabeth Hansburg;

Chase Engelhardt; dennisansellarp@gmail.com; Ayn Craciun

**Subject:** Public comment - Opposition to Agenda Item 2 (Proposed "Community Planning Voter Initiative")

**Attachments:** 220105 Letter to SCAG - Opposition to Community Planning Voter Initiative.pdf

Hello,

Please see attached for a comment letter from a coalition of 10 housing, transit, and environmental organizations, respectfully urging a "no" vote on Agenda Item 2.

Best,

**Anthony Dedousis** 

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#### **Anthony Dedousis**

Director, Policy and Research Abundant Housing LA 515 S Flower Street, 18th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071 516-660-7402

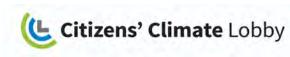
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January 5, 2022

The Honorable Clint Lorimore
Southern California Association of Governments
Attn: SCAG Regional Council
900 Wilshire Blvd. Ste. 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 2 for January 6 Regional Council Meeting (Proposed "Community Planning Voter Initiative")

Dear President Lorimore.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Agenda Item 2 for tomorrow's Regional Council Meeting, a vote on whether to support the proposed "Community Planning Voter Initiative", which would amend California's Constitution to specify that city and county land use and zoning laws override all conflicting state laws. On behalf of a coalition of 10 organizations representing the housing, transit, and environmental communities, we respectfully urge the Regional Council to oppose this initiative.

California faces a severe and worsening housing shortage. In recent years, SCAG has been active in raising awareness about how local barriers to housing production have worsened the housing and homelessness crises. Crucially, in 2019, the Regional Council ensured that the

region's historically-high RHNA target was apportioned towards higher-income, job-rich coastal jurisdictions, many of which have blocked new housing for decades.

The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would put an end to this positive incremental progress on housing, by preventing the state government from utilizing both existing and potential future legislation to work towards housing solutions. For example, this initiative would roll back housing reforms such as:

- Senate Bill 330, which contains demolition protections for renters
- Assembly Bill 686, which requires housing element updates to affirmatively further fair housing
- Senate Bill 35, which accelerates permitting for residential projects containing affordable subsidized housing units
- The 2019 ADU reform package, which is creating a growing stock of moderately-priced rental units in communities with little rental housing

Additionally, this initiative would also prevent the state government from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. It could allow local governments to override the California Environmental Quality Act, and potentially prevent the enforcement of new building code standards that require new homes to come equipped with solar panels. All this risks California's ability to reduce carbon emissions and improve environmental quality

This ill-advised effort would grant local housing opponents a substantial new toolkit to continue blocking much-needed new housing, making it near-impossible for the SCAG region to meet its state-mandated RHNA targets. All this would put SCAG residents at risk of displacement, housing discrimination, and fast-rising rents, and would represent a massive step backward in our region's efforts to solve its housing affordability crisis.

For these reasons, we urge you and your colleagues to oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative." Thank you for your team's continued hard work and dedication to solving California's housing shortage and affordability crisis.

Sincerely,

Leonora Camner Executive Director Abundant Housing LA

Chase Engelhardt
Climate Planning and Resilience Coordinator
Climate Resolve

Brian Hanlon President & CEO California YIMBY

Laura Foote
Executive Director
YIMBY Action

Elizabeth Hansburg
Executive Director

People for Housing, Orange County

Max Ghenis Chapter Lead Ventura County YIMBY

Ayn Craciun

Orange County Policy Manager Climate Action Campaign Sonja Trauss Executive Director YIMBY Law

Dennis Arp Group Leader

Citizens' Climate Lobby

North Orange County - Southeast LA County

David Diaz

**Executive Director** 

Active SGV

From: Luz Glorioso < > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:54 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** VOTE YES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANNING VOTER INITIATIVE

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Sincerely,

Luz Marina Glorioso

From: SUSANNA DOMANCICH <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:55 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative

#### To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to urge you to support the Our Neighborhood Voices initiative as recommended by your staff.

My reasons are as follows: Local communities are far more qualified than the state to make decisions in the areas of local land-use planning and zoning.

Also, allowing developers to take advantage of state density laws in single family communities without requiring any affordable units, environmental review, enforceable owner-occupancy rules, will fuel displacement and gentrification in communities of color and other sensitive communities. And because most state laws don't make developers pay for infrastructure, the new developments will overtax infrastructure and cause more civic problems.

There are now-defunct commercial corridors which can be rezoned and developed as multi-family residential communities if the redevelopment funds are made available. Let us find solutions to our housing problems which don't simultaneously create new problems!

For these reasons and more, I respectfully request that you support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Sincerely,

Susanna Domancich

From:

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:56 PM

To: ePublic Comment Group <ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov>

Cc:

**Subject:** YES on Agenda Item 2! - Climate disruption, equity & affordability call on SCAG's common sense to support "Our Neighborhood Voices" local planning initiative

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## TO: Southern California Association of Governments Honorable Members:

Please vote YES in support of Our Neighborhood Voices local land use planning initiative.

Until municipalities can adequately address infrastructure needs that can manage the growing tons of sewage as to our water needs, it is premature to upzone and infill without wreaking havoc on our already overtaxed infrastructure.

Additionally, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and multiple Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem issues are not addressed and/or not adequately addressed to even start to approach this subject matter with any due diligence and/or good faith to protect our urban environments and the wildlife and built environment for humans that depend upon water directly and indirectly,

Grassroots Coalition also supports the views of the attached letter from Dr Suzanne De Benedittis, PhD (USC 1972, Social ethics & social analysis)

We ask that you consider these issues of great public importance with great care, Patricia McPherson, Grassroots Coalition

----- attached letter

Re: YES on Agenda Item 2! Climate disruption, equity & affordability dictate common sense, asking SCAG's support of "Our Neighborhood Voices" local planning initiative

To: Southern California Council of Governments Honorable Members:

Thank you for your dedication to promoting the best interests of our region that will benefit our biosphere also.

As a social ethicist focused on the effects of climate change for the past 50 years, it is imperative for the well-being of all to offset the devastating, irreversible climate impacts that SB 9 & 10 will inadvertently bring about.

Notice that since Katrina in 2005, devastating superstorms are becoming the norm. In California, wildfires season is now yearlong, with 8614 fires just this past year. Our glaciers are rapidly melting - not regenerating. Tornadoes growing in number & their intensity are whiplashing widening areas. Unchecked it can quickly become exponential, like slow-starting cancer....

Strides made in green buildings are necessary, but not sufficient to stem the escalating devastation. Given that construction accounts for 40% of our greenhouse gases, we

cannot afford to heedlessly build. Bypassing CEQA for more housing is a kiss of death for irreversible devastation.

Instead, let's address our housing needs in eco-efficient ways. Norway is becoming an exemplar, so too are dedicated urban planners, architects, and designers. See Sierra magazine 2021 Winter issue. <a href="https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2021-6-winter/feature/build-or-not-build">https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2021-6-winter/feature/build-or-not-build</a>

Note also Harvard's Graduate School of Design and Urban Planning's Spring course calling for a Moratorium on New Construction that I believe echoes what many of our city planners are calling for but will have no say until we reclaim the democratic process and restore local planning to our local communities.

We need your leadership now, lest like a slice of lemmings, we rush over the cliff of inevitable climate devastation as there is no "deus ex machina" to pop out at the end of the day and save us, our planet, this, our common home.

I pray for you and your loved ones' sake and for all who will follow us that you exercise the leadership that makes common sense prevail, so that together we can more quickly find sensible solutions to house our marginal & unhoused brothers & sisters, even as we provide housing for those more comfortably situated.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr Suzanne De Benedittis, PhD (USC 1972, Social ethics & social analysis)

From: Dani Zandel < > > > > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:07 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Sincerely,

Dani Zandel

From: LILLIAN ZANDEL < > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:09 PM

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Lillian Zandel

From: LuAnne Chang <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:10 PM

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LuAnne Chang

From: John Mirisch <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:12 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices initiative

Dear SCAG Regional Council members,

Sacramento politicians have all too long scapegoated communities in an effort to distract from their own failings. Their punitive one-size-fits-all legislation, which is aimed at fueling the commodification of housing, may be great for their corporate donors, Wall St., global capital, and private equity (not to mention money launderers); but the laws are bad for the ordinary residents of our local communities.

The Our Neighborhood Voices initiative will stop arrogant Sacramento politicians from selling out our communities, as they have done for so many years; it will strengthen local democracy and put our residents first.

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Ultimately, it's simple: Do we want Sacramento politicians dictating land-use and zoning for our local communities, or do we want decisions to be made within our own communities, closer to home?

Please support the Our Neighborhood Voices initiative, which would finally put an end to the opportunism of Sacramento politicians, would end their developer giveaways, and would restore land-use decisions to the diverse and unique communities that make up our region and our state.

The Our Neighborhood Voices initiative represents something we are in desperate need of: Less Sacramento. More Community.

Sincerely,

John Mirisch City Council, Beverly Hills

(The City of Beverly Hills has passed a formal resolution in support of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative),

**From:** 444342

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:15 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Sincerely,

First Name Last Name Address From: sandra holliday <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:16 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative"

I urge your support of the subject Initiative to protect rights of homeowners of single family residences.

I urge you to maintain local control ONLY of such important zoning changes. Homeowners rights pertaining to zoning changes should NOT be undermined by Sacramento legislators.

If this issue were so important to the state of California it must be decided by voters who are given the proper opportunity to have their voices heard; not shoved down our throats by Sacramento as a one size fits all housing strategy.

Support homeowners NOT developers who are only in the game for the almighty profit and NOT to improve the quality of life for California communities.

Thank you for listening and thank you for your support for California homeowners.

Sandra

From: Mary-Lynne Fisher < > > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:17 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support Our Neighborhood Voices initiative

#### Dear Southern California Association of Government,

We are writing on behalf of the Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council and one of its constituent neighborhood associations to urge you to accept the excellent staff recommendation to SUPPORT the Our Neighborhood Voices initiative. The GHCC is comprised of 16 neighborhood associations in the City of Glendale, California, one of which is the Crescenta Highlands Neighborhood Association, a foothill community bordering Angeles National Forest. We represent thousands of stakeholders who have committed years of volunteer efforts to preserving and improving the quality of life in our City.

Your support will be crucial to giving land-use control back to our City Council and all local governments throughout our state.

This community-based initiative was sparked by the excessive housing mandates built into SB 9 and SB 10, but its reach is much broader. Regardless of the limited exceptions recognized by the initiative, land use should be in the control of local governments. That is so self-evident it shouldn't need stating, but unfortunately it does.

Legislation such as SB 9 will enable developers to gobble up what little developable land we have left in order to build more luxury housing and further overstress our infrastructure. Allowing developers to take advantage of recently enacted legislation upzoning single family neighborhoods without requiring any affordable units, environmental review, adequate off-street parking and payment of essential infrastructure upgrades will cause a rapid deterioration in our neighborhoods. Tree canopies will be lost, leading to increased temperatures and higher use of air conditioning, all contributing to the worsening of our air quality.

Our city leaders need to have the authority to develop strategies that consider the unique needs of each city -- demographics, infrastructure, natural resources, traffic circulations, transit availability, and physical geography.

Land cost is the largest barrier to housing affordability and the price of that land is based on the development potential. Upzoning our neighborhoods will drive up land values and make it impossible to provide affordable housing in the future. Only corporations will be able to afford residential property and no one wants Wall Street or overseas investors to be their landlord.

Please allow voters to decide who can control the development in their own neighborhoods - not legislators in districts hundreds of miles away who accept contributions from the very developers who will profit if this initiative fails.

Thank you in advance.

Mary-Lynne Fisher, 2nd Vice President, GHCC; President CHNA Susan Bolan, Secretary, GHCC, Treasurer CHNA

From: Rashelle Zelaznik <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:19 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Vote YES on Item 2 to support both the good Abundant Housing LA intends as too the local

planning initiative

#### Dear SCAG members:

AbundantHousingLA (AHLA) is a new 501c4 (political action group) that has a 501c3 educational fund - incorporated June 2019. The many AHLA comments (most of which may have been from a generic form letter) that SCAG received opposing local planning go counter to their well-intentioned mission of abundant housing for all RHNA income levels.

The deleterious effects of SB 9 & 10 will further gentrification, The upzoning has already increased our region's home values sales, with sales prices making housing ownership and even rent unaffordable for the majority of RHNA level households.

Support your Staff of professional analysts. Support all in need of affordable housing. Please vote in support of Our Neighborhood Voices local planning initiative. Then we can all work together, with private-public partnerships to address current inequities and serve as watchdogs should any municipality seek to take advantage of potential loopholes to abrogate needed CEQA and other mandates that preserve the greater good of all.

Sincerely,

Marshall & Rashelle Zelaznik Homeowner Cheviot Hills Landlord/Homeowner Culver City From: Annabella Hall <

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Annabella Hall

From: Dave Hall < > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:21 PM

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This should be up for vote by residents of Culver City.

Sincerely, Dave Hall From: Greg Goldin <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:22 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support Agenda Item 2 -- Support Community Planning Voter Initiative

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to urge you to adopt your LCMC committee recommendation to support the Community Planning Voter Initiative at your January meeting.

As president of the Miracle Mile Residential Association, in the City of Los Angeles, I am writing on behalf of hundreds of my neighbors who are deeply concerned that Sacramento has stripped our City of its proper role in determining zoning issues. We are also deeply concerned that Sacramento has silenced the voices of all California residents, by turning zoning into ministerial acts, which bar citizens from even voicing their concerns about the impacts of development. As things now stand, Sacramento has usurped the historic role of localities and average citizens to control the destiny of their neighborhoods and cities.

This has been done in the name of "abundant housing," but nothing in the recent legislation from Sacramento requires that a single affordable home be built. Instead, the recently-adopted legislation has torn a page from Ronald Reagan's long-since-refuted "trickle down" economics playbook which even his Vice President, George H.W. Bush, denounced "trickle down" as "Voodoo economics" (which it was and is).

Quite simply, in the name of creating abundance what Sacramento has done is create abundant profits -- for Wall Street investors, real estate speculators, mortgage packagers, the same Barons of Finance who have been gobbling up single-family homes and apartments throughout California, and doing absolutely nothing to address the need for truly affordable housing.

The Community Planning Voter Initiative will restore balance to city planning and zoning and to the housing crisis. It will keep developers from building more luxury apartments and homes, which the recent Sacramento legislation only hastens; it will help stop the wholesale buying of neighborhoods of color, which which the recent Sacramento legislation only hastens; it will allow cities and citizens to shape housing policy that will restrict new development to workforce and low-income housing, which the recent Sacramento legislation has helped to undermine.

Again, please vote to support the Community Planning Voter Initiative.

Thank you,

Greg Goldin
President, Miracle Mile Residential Association

Rather the Ice Than Their Way --Eric the Red

From: Kathy Knight <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:26 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

January 5, 2022

TO: Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

FROM: Kathy Knight, Santa Monica resident

PLEASE support your excellent staff recommendation to support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

It is so important to support this Initiative for the following reasons:

- 1. Our LOCAL governments know best what are the best land-use and zoning policies for us. Cities have different needs.
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- 5. Already developers are buying up houses in colored and working-class neighborhoods, with a loss to those neighborhoods of single family homes.
- 6. Passing the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative will prevent the State from manipulating local land use policy and giving "incentives" to developers that produce little affordable housing.
- 7. It is time to put the needs of citizens above the need of developers, investors and financiers. The State Is giving them more and more benefits for MARKET- RATE housing.

Again, PLEASE SUPPORT your staff recommendation to support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Kathy Knight, Santa Monica Resident

From: Lisa Kimotsuki <

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Lisa Kimotsuki

From: Rosalind LaBriola <

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First Name Last Name Address From: Alex Hamilton <ahamilton@CityofSanMarino.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:32 PM

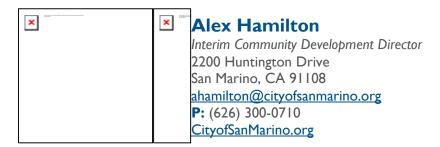
**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** City of San Marino Letter of Support for Our Neighborhood Initiative

**Attachments:** SCAG Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative Support Letter.docx

Attached is the City's letter of support.

Thanks for the outreach.





# City of San Marino

January 5, 2022

Southern California Association of Governments 900 Wilshire Boulevard Suite 1700 Los Angeles, CA 90017

**SUBJECT:** Support of "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative"

Thank you for reaching out for support on the above initiative. The City of San Marino strongly supports the tenants of the initiative. We agree that local communities are far more qualified to decide on land use and zoning policies in accordance with community needs. In addition, on December 15, 2020 our City Council adopted a Resolution in support of the "Brand-Huang-Mendoza Tripartisan Land Use Initiative".

We are aware there is a push by certain developers to take advantage of state density laws to construct market rate housing. Without affordable or inclusionary housing requirements, there will be no incentive or regulatory framework to construct affordable housing and cities will have to shoulder the burden of increased density and inadequate infrastructure. More market rate housing does nothing to address the overall reduction in home ownership rates and affordability. Communities that have higher rates of homeownership vs. rentals are generally more stable and prosperous.

Support of the Neighborhood Voices Initiative is critical in that it sends a message to Sacramento that "top down" planning does little to nothing to address areas of concern or achieve desired outcomes. Furthermore, the lack of funding for construction of affordable housing from the State is one of the biggest obstacles to production of truly affordable housing.

Sincerely,

Marcella Marlowe Marcella Marlowe, Ph.D. City Manager From: Rosalind LaBriola <

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Rosalind LaBriola

From: Jenny Hontz <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:35 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Planning ballot initiative is problematic

The Livable Communities Initiative is a plan to upzone commercial corridors to make it easier to build housing above commercial properties in areas with complete streets near transit. This ballot initiative would undermine efforts to make it easier to build much-needed housing in Los Angeles. The housing shortage in Los Angeles is leading to an affordability crisis and contributing to people falling into homelessness. We need to find ways to make it easier to build housing, and this planning ballot initiative would undo legislation intended to remove obstacles to building more housing. -- From the LCI

From: Cindy Bailey < > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:39 PM

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Ken Niles

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Sincerely,

Diajeng Hendratmo-Brown

From: Holly Osborne <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:47 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support the Community Planning Voter Initiative on January 6.

# Dear members of SCAG.

I am writing to urge you to follow the recommendation to SUPPORT the Community Planning Voter Initiative on Thursday, January 6. Cities have a better understanding of what zoning works in their communities that Sacramento does.

Let me give you just **one example** of why one size does not fit all, in the SB9 housing bill. SB9 requires that developers be allowed to split lots that are as small as 2400 sq ft, into two 1200 sq ft lots, and then it allows that two units be put on each lot split. Communities that have smaller lots typically have already crammed a dwelling on a lot that size. In my community, we have many 25x100 ft lots (=2500) sq ft.

If you split a 25x100 ft lot, you can either get two 12.5x100 lots, (side by side), or two 25x50 lots, one behind the other.

In the side-by-side 12.5 width lots case, the 12.5 ft. width is just wider than a single car driveway. And can you imagine putting two units on a 12.5x100 ft. lot? Where would the parking be for the two cars on each 12.5 ft. split? (The other arrangement has access problems with the rear lot, and just as many problems with parking.)

Let the cities decide what lots to split and what not to split. Cities should have control of their own zoning.

Respectfully submitted, Holly Osborne, PhD, PE. From: Sandy Hubbard <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:49 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Please support the Community Planning Voter Initiative

# 1/5/2022

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Please support the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Respectfully,

Sandy Hubbard

From: Valley Village Residents Association <

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:51 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Respectfully,

Sandy Hubbard Valley Village Residents Association boardmember Planning and Land Use Committee From: Sandy Hubbard <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:52 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

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Respectfully,

Richard Cate and Sandy Hubbard

From: J Jordan < > > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:53 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Vote YES to support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

I am sending this email message as resident and homeowner of Rancho Palos Verdes for more than 25 years. I was born and raised in California, my parents were young and extremely poor. I have worked for everything I have, including the ownership of my own home - a small single family residence where my husband and I have raised our three children.

I volunteer hundreds of hours each and every year to our local schools and community organizations such as Toberman, Boys and Girls Clubs and Richstone Family Center that assist the needy. I know first hand that communities and neighborhoods with single family homes and tree lined streets within walking distance of schools and parks are essential to a well balanced and healthy community free from rampant crime and gang activity.

I am asking SCAG to accept the recommendation of your own staff members and vote YES to support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative!

Thank you,

Jennifer Jordan

From: tommyatlee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tommy Atlee

<tommyatlee@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:54 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

## Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

California faces a severe housing shortage. SCAG has been active in raising awareness about how local barriers to housing production are related to the housing and homelessness crisis. The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would prevent the state from using both \*past\* and \*future\* legislation to work towards housing solutions. Importantly, this initiative would also rollback important pieces of legislation such as SB 330, which contains demolition protections for renters, and put SCAG residents at risk of displacement.

This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Tommy Atlee using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots prohousing organization.

Sincerely, Tommy Atlee From: Kevin Lachoff < > Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:57 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support Community Planning Voter Initiative (Agenda Item 2)

Dear members of SCAG,

I'm writing to urge you to follow the recommendation to SUPPORT the Community Planning Voter Initiative, (Agenda Item 2) on Thursday, January 6.

We have a lot of work that our communities can do to help increase housing production without some of the decisions being made currently. Culver City, for example, should be focusing on unit/acre density, increasing its height limit, and adjusting its unit sizes. There are also incentives that should be considered for affordable housing development, rather than the state's edict of one-size-fits-all mandates.

The current plans from the state are going to have a net effect of reducing homeownership and severely handicapping first-time home buyers, turning them into perpetual renters rather than able to build equity and stability.

While it may be true that our state has an affordable housing crisis, it is also true that local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long-term housing goals. Each city and area in our vast state has different issues and terrain. What may work for one area may not work for another. In other words, Sacramento cannot outperform local government when it comes to best practices for land-use planning and zoning policies in our cities and counties across the state. I thought that it might be especially important to hear from Culver City residents, as Regional Councilmember Alex Fisch (D 41) supports an upzoning housing policy which many people disagree with, myself included. Despite my disagreement with our SCAG representative regarding his push to upzone, I believe that zoning laws should be locally controlled.

In addition,

- Allowing developers to take advantage of increased density in single-family communities without any affordability requirements, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy requirements will result in further displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities, exacerbate our affordable housing crisis, and put more stress on local infrastructure without additional fees to offset those impacts.
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Sincerely,

**Kevin Lachoff** 

Culver City Resident, former local Planning Commissioner

From: Amy Gustincic <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:58 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** vote YES to support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

### **SCAG Council Members**

Please accept your staff's recommendation and vote YES to support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Local communities the most qualified to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long-term housing goals. It does not make sense for Sacramento to control land use planning and zoning policies in our cities and counties across the state.

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Amy Gustincic

From: Ross, Barry <Barry.Ross@stjoe.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:58 PM

To: ePublic Comment Group

Subject: ltem 2 In Opposition

Dear Regional Council Members,

I am strongly recommending you do not support item 2 for the following reasons:

The ballot measure would render moot laws designed to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (SB 375; AB 743). Laws intended to ensure an adequate supply of affordable housing (SB 35; AB 2348) and to integrate affordable housing in high opportunity communities (AB 686, AFFH) would also be moot. The state would no longer be able to hold cities accountable for making room for new housing (RHNA) and their decisions that impede the development of new housing (AB 72), including ADUs (AB 881, AB 68).

There remain countless unanswered questions regarding the status of environmental protections under CEQA, historic preservation, and protecting agricultural lands, wildlife corridors, and open space.

The League of California Cities took no position on this ballot measure because they clearly saw the potential unintended consequences, which extend well beyond housing production, that could arise from every jurisdiction's ability to set their own goals, rules, and priorities. In their words, this ballot measure "could result in a disjointed patchwork approach to the management of potential natural disasters, such as seismic hazards, wildland and urban fires, and floods. Passage of these measures could also impede progress on environmental justice efforts that seek to mitigate health risks and other issues in disadvantaged communities." (See here: <a href="https://www.calcities.org/detail-pages/news/2021/12/08/cal-cities-board-of-directors-adopts-2022-action-agenda-considers-positions-on-potential-ballot-initiatives">https://www.calcities-board-of-directors-adopts-2022-action-agenda-considers-positions-on-potential-ballot-initiatives</a>)

This ballot measure could undo much of the progress the state has made to improve air quality, protect environmentally sensitive areas, and ensure adequate and fair housing, which are policy issues SCAG is charged with addressing. The SCAG Regional Council would be working against their own agency's interests to support this measure.

Thank you for your consideration.

#### **Barry Ross**

**Regional Director** 

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**From:** fran offenhauser <

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:59 PM

**To:** ePublic Comment Group

**Subject:** Support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

I am a real estate investor, historic preservation advocate, architect, and former preparer of City Plans. I SUPPORT the Neighborhood Voices Initiative.

Why: California faces a severe housing AFFORDABILITY shortage. Housing production is FINE, and RHNA targets are wildly overblown. Abundant Housing cruelly twists facts.

Barriers to affordable housing production come from the loss of HUD funds and CRA (redevelopment) affordable housing expenditures. The State took back these tax dollars and is not spending it on lower income housing.

Local controls are not the cause of rising housing costs-- thats is a red herring by the building industry. Abundant Housing believes that trickle down economics will get us lots of affordable housing- it hasn't yet!

"The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would prevent the state from using both \*past\* and \*future\* legislation to work against local control, and would reinstate the local fine tuned planning that prevents against wildfire, etc. SB 9 was a big lie when it came to wildfire zones.

RHNA requires masses and masses of upzoning, but leaves out any consideration of infrastructure, and most of all ANY REQUIREMENT for affordability to be attached to upzoning. Developer nirvana -- the people lose out.

Frances Offenhauser Heritage Properties From:

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 5:00 PM

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ePublic Comment Group

Subject:

VOTE YES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANNING VOTER INITIATIVE

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Vicki Planck